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Fellow Reformers:

Welcome to Los Angeles! And welcome to three days that will prepare, transform and invigorate you for the challenges that lie ahead!

There are people here from all around the world who come from across the political spectrum, whose life experiences vary dramatically. But what we share is more important than anything that separates us: a passion for uprooting the fears, ignorance and prejudices that fuel the drug war, and a yearning for a more compassionate, just and effective way of dealing with drugs in our lives and in our communities.

Now is the time to make drug policy reform more personal – creating an even greater sense of moral urgency, connecting the dots with more allies, and building on the common interests of everyone who makes up this movement. We can keep chipping away at the drug war but it won't really end until a critical mass of people, communities and elected officials demand a new way of dealing with drugs in our society.

We're a diverse and growing movement, and the program reflects that. There are more trainings than at any previous conference, and more sessions on youth, organizing, and marijuana law reform. Rather than carving out a special panel or two on issues of racial justice, we've integrated them into many sessions.

Make an effort to attend sessions on subjects about which you know the least. That's how we learn the most. It's also how we connect the dots among the many elements that make up our movement.

And don't forget: we're here not just to build consensus but to argue and debate and rejoice in our diversity. If you don't get upset by at least one thing someone says or does, this conference will not be everything it should be. Our only obligation is to give one another the benefit of the doubt, and remember that no powerful political movement was ever built without vigorous debate within.

So throw yourself into this conference with an open mind, an open heart, and every drop of passion you can muster. Let's listen carefully, re-think what we've long thought, argue with joy, and depart Los Angeles with the certainty that we participated in a historic moment in the growing movement to end the drug war.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ethan Nadelmann".

Ethan Nadelmann,
Executive Director

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Getting Around

Westin Bonaventure

A map of the Westin Bonaventure is in the back of this program book, which shows all of the meeting room locations. A quick reference to the meeting space is below:

Conference Registration

Level 2

California Ballroom Foyer

General Session

Level 2

California Ballroom

Breakouts

Level 3 and Lobby Level

San Gabriel, San Jose, Emerald, Avalon, Hollywood, Santa Barbara

Awards Reception

Level 3

Hollywood Ballroom

The Westin Bonaventure is a smoke free hotel.

The hotel does not provide water in all meeting rooms, but in water coolers placed in the hallways. Please use the refillable water bottle in your conference bag to help you stay hydrated throughout the day. Also, please use the recycle bins for your aluminum and plastic bottles.

Local Host Committee

**Gretchen Burns Bergman, A New PATH
(Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing)**

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Don Duncan, Americans for Safe Access

Susan Forrest, HIV Drug and Alcohol Task Force

**Danny Getzoff, Common Ground –
The Westside HIV Community Center**

Dale Gieringer, California NORML

**Antonio Gonzalez, Latino Voters League /
William C. Velasquez Institute**

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Mike Gray, Common Sense for Drug Policy

**Alice Huffman, California State Conference of
the NAACP**

Jakada Imani, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights

Kim McGill, Youth Justice Coalition

**Rev. Mary Moreno Richardson,
Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative**

**Julia Negron, A New PATH (Parents for Addiction
Treatment & Healing) LA Chapter**

**Dorsey Nunn, All of Us or None / Legal Services for
Prisoners with Children**

Shoshanna Scholar, Clean Needles Now

Geri Silva, Families to Amend California's Three Strikes

**Rodrigo "Froggy" Vazquez, Students for Sensible
Drug Policy – LA City College**

Pete White, LA Community Action Network

Clarissa Woo, ACLU of Southern California

At the Conference

Registration/Information

Our registration staff will be on site to answer any questions you may have throughout the conference. The registration desk is located in the California Foyer on Level 2.

Registration desk hours are:

Wednesday, November 2	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Thursday, November 3	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, November 4	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, November 5	8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Messages

A message board can be found in the registration area for you to leave and pick up messages. Official conference announcements will also be posted on this board.

Exhibitors

Please visit our exhibitors located in the San Diego Ballroom on Level 2.

Exhibition hours are:

Thursday, November 3	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, November 4	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, November 5	8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Name tags

Please wear your name tag at all times when entering conference sessions. This is proof that you have paid registration and are eligible to attend the sessions. There is a \$3 charge to reprint lost badges. (However, remember to take your badge off when you leave the hotel.)

Room Hosts

All of the breakout sessions will have room hosts to assist the speakers, hand out evaluations, etc. Please note that to comply with fire code, the room hosts have been instructed to close the door once all seats are taken. We request that you please respect room host requests if you are asked to select another session. Also, if your room is full, please be sure to place your personal items on the floor and not on the chair next to you.

Evaluations

Please complete the individual workshop evaluations handed out in the breakout sessions (return to room host) and the yellow general conference evaluations (return to registration) included in your registration materials. Your valuable feedback will be helpful to the presenters and in our future planning.

Continuing Education Credits

Participants requesting continuing education credits must submit workshop and general session evaluation forms in order to comply with credentialing board policies.

Receipts

If you need a receipt for your registration, you can easily print a receipt for yourself by going to the online registration site, entering your email address and following the directions.

Lost and Found

Any items found during the conference will be taken to the registration desk or hotel security.

Cell Phones/Pagers

When entering session rooms, please turn your cell phones and pagers off or to the vibrate mode.

Conference Policies

Smoking

Smoking is *not permitted* in any public space in Westin Bonaventure restaurants, lobby bars and all restrooms. California state law also prohibits smoking within a "reasonable distance" of doorways. Please refer to posted signs for restrictions.

Substance Use

We recognize that everyone at the conference is working to change drug-related laws. However, please remember that drug use is illegal and we must respect the laws of the community we are in.

Health Information

Medical Emergencies

In case of emergency, dial 911 immediately on any pay phone, or pick up the closest courtesy phone, dial 7788 and state your emergency.

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Good Samaritan Hospital (.5 miles)
213.977.1212
1225 Wilshire Boulevard

St. Vincent Medical Center (1.2 miles)
213.484.7111
2131 West 3rd Street

Closest Pharmacies

Uptown Drug and Gift Shop (.1 miles)
444 South Flower Street #100
213.612.4300
Monday – Friday: 8:30am – 5:30pm
Delivers to the Bonaventure

Rite Aid (.4 miles)
600 West 7th Street
213.896.0083
Monday – Friday: 8am – 9pm
Saturday: 9am – 6pm
Sunday: 10am – 6pm

Methadone Clinics

Please contact the clinics in advance to determine their dosing hours and requirements/costs for guest doses.

Matrix Institute (8.9 miles)
5220 West Washington Blvd #101
Los Angeles, CA 90016
323.933.9186
www.matrixinstitute.org

Tri City Institute South (10.8 miles)
11900 Avalon Boulevard, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90061
323.242.0500
www.tricityinstitute.com



Wednesday

Welcome Reception

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

California Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Thursday

Continental Breakfast & Registration

8:30 am – 9:30 am

California Foyer, 2nd Floor

Welcome & Opening Plenary

9:30 am – 10:45 am

California Ballroom, 2nd Floor

California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom will welcome conference attendees, followed by remarks from NAACP President Alice Huffman, former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson, Los Angeles Community Action Co-Director Pete White, and Drug Policy Alliance Executive Director Ethan Nadelmann.

Breakout Sessions

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

● Roundtable / Drug Sellers as Harm Reduction Allies

San Jose, 2nd Floor

Drug sellers are often blamed, stigmatized, and subjected to draconian criminal penalties. But, while some drug sellers take little responsibility for the health of their customers, others are sterile syringe providers, harm

reduction experts, and community educators. What is the role for drug sellers and what do they see as their role? What can advocates and health service providers learn from drug sellers about how to better reduce harms from drugs? And what are the challenges to working with drug sellers in communities and harm reduction programs?

Facilitator:

Bill Piper, Director, National Affairs,
Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

- Rachel Anderson, Executive Director, Safer Alternatives thru Networking and Education (SANE), Sacramento, CA
- Tyler Butts, Satellite Syringe Exchange, Safer Alternatives thru Networking and Education (SANE), Sacramento, CA
- Hiawatha Collins, Board Member, VOCAL, New York, NY
- Hilary McQuie, California Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA
- Nathan Messer, Board President, DanceSafe, Seattle, WA
- Deborah Peterson Small, Executive Director, Break the Chains, Berkeley, CA
- Malakkar Vohryzek, Drug Reform Strategist, San Francisco, CA

■ Panel / Changing the System I – Reducing Drug Arrests and Convictions: Strategies to Shift Law Enforcement Funds, Practices and Priorities

Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor

At the federal, state and local level, reformers are finding innovative ways to prevent drug arrests and convictions. These include diverting federal drug funding from enforcement to treatment, reforming policies around the use of confidential informants, reducing racial disparities in arrests, and giving law enforcement officers options other than arrest for drug use or possession. How are they doing this?

Moderator:

Jasmine L. Tyler, Deputy Director, National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

- Mark Cooke, Policy Advocate, ACLU of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Nsombi Lambright, Executive Director, ACLU of Mississippi, Jackson, MS
- Harry Levine, Sociology Professor, Queens College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY
- Kris Nyrop, Racial Disparity Project, The Defender Association, Seattle, WA
- Amanda Petteruti, Associate Director, Justice Policy Institute, Washington, DC
- Alex Stevens, Professor, Criminal Justice, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent, U.K.

● Roundtable / State of the Movement: What's it Going to Take to Make Marijuana Legal?

Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor

While support for making marijuana legal is growing rapidly and California's Proposition 19 came close to winning last year, we still haven't reached the tipping point. What can we expect to see on the ballot in 2012 and beyond? Leading advocates and political consultants will

discuss what it will take to win at the state and national level, and share insights from the most extensive marijuana reform public opinion research ever conducted.

Facilitator:

Graham Boyd, Advisor, Peter Lewis, Santa Cruz, CA

- Dave Fratello, Principal, Coast Campaign Group, Manhattan Beach, CA
- Anna Greenberg, Senior Vice President, Greenberg Quinlan Rosner, Washington, DC
- Celinda Lake, President, Lake Research Partners, Washington, DC
- Ethan Nadelmann, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Allen St. Pierre, Executive Director, NORML, Washington, DC
- Mark Steitz, Founder and Senior Principal, TSD Communications, Washington, DC (invited)

■ Panel / Psychedelic Science: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives

Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level

What is the current status of psychedelic research in the context of the humanities and the social sciences, and what are the potentials for future research and interdisciplinary collaboration? Does the rejuvenated excitement and emphasis on "hard science" obscure any of the socio-cultural issues at stake? What are the drawbacks and advantages of the medical model? Which forms of discourse are sanctioned by the university and which are not?

Moderator:

Jag Davies, Publications Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Brad Burge, Director of Communications, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Santa Cruz, CA
- Earth and Fire Erowid, Erowid Center, Grass Valley, CA (invited)
- Ralph Metzner, Co-Founder and President, Green Earth Foundation
- Nese Lisa Senol, PhD candidate, Comparative Literature and Literary Theory, University of Pennsylvania
- Kenneth Tupper, Educational Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada



● Roundtable / Youth Drug Education: When D.A.R.E Fails

San Gabriel A, Lobby Level

It's obvious that the billions spent to deter America's youth from drug use has been a failure. How can we improve on the current paradigm? What are alternative models that deliver honest and realistic drug education? And what is the relationship between drug education and drug policy reform?

Facilitator:

Marsha Rosenbaum, Director Emerita, San Francisco, Drug Policy Alliance

- Joel Brown, Executive Director, Center for Educational Research and Development (CERD), Berkeley, CA
- Eddie Einbinder, Author, *How to Have Fun and Not Die*, New York, NY
- Allen Frimpong, Capacity Building Assistance Specialist, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY
- Morris Jenkins, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH
- Tamara Kalnins, Substance Education Coordinator, Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- Thomas Nicholson, Professor, Public Health, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

● Roundtable / The Recovery Movement and Its Role in Ending the Drug War

San Gabriel B, Lobby Level

People in recovery are playing an increasingly active role in drug policy reform efforts. This discussion will address the role of people in recovery in drug policy reform work as well as the challenges of bridging abstinence-based work with harm reduction. Where and how can people in recovery work with other drug policy reform advocates? What are the areas of agreement and shared goals? Why do people in recovery and harm reduction advocates often exclude each other from strategic conversations and policy debates? And how can we elevate the voice of the recovery movement in the drug policy reform debate and support people in recovery to become advocates to end the war on drugs?

Facilitator:

Howard Josepher, Founder, President and CEO, Exponents, New York, NY

- Anneke Campbell, Doctoral Student, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA
- Katharine Celentano, Columbia University Students for Sensible Drug Policy, New York, NY
- Adi Jaffe, Director, All About Addiction, Los Angeles, CA
- Lou Martinez, Social Worker, Substance Abuse Counselor and Proposition 36 Graduate, Sacramento, CA
- William Cope Moyers, Executive Director, Hazelden's Center for Public Advocacy, Center City, MN
- Liese Recke, Psychologist and Project Officer, The Street Lawyers, Oslo, Norway
- Eric Sterling, President, Criminal Justice Policy Foundation, Silver Spring, MD
- Pat Taylor, Executive Director, Faces & Voices of Recovery, Washington, DC

Lunch (on your own)

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Breakout Sessions

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm

● Roundtable / Changing the System II – Drug Treatment and the Criminal Justice System: What Should It Look Like?

San Jose, 2nd Floor

Most of us agree that people should not enter the criminal justice system for drug use or possession, nor should they be mandated to treatment when they don't want or need it. But what about people whose crimes have victimized others, who enter the criminal justice system and want treatment? What are the best ways for the criminal justice system to provide drug treatment? What is the appropriate role for drug courts? And when is mandated treatment a reasonable alternative to incarceration?

Facilitator:

Margaret Dooley-Sammuli, Deputy State Director,
Southern California, Drug Policy Alliance

- Daniel Abrahamson, Director of Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA
- Pat Allard, Deputy Director, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Toronto, Canada
- Vitka Eisen, CEO, Walden House, San Francisco, CA
- Howard Josepher, Founder, President and CEO, Exponents, New York, NY
- Lou Martinez, Social Worker, Substance Abuse Counselor and Proposition 36 Graduate, Sacramento, CA
- Nastassia Walsh, Research Manager, Justice Policy Institute, Washington, DC

▲ Training / From Enthusiast to Entrepreneur: How to Make Marijuana Your Business

Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor

This training will help marijuana enthusiasts explore the variety of legal options that exist for starting a marijuana-related business, including how to identify potential investors. With so many potential busi-

nesses – ranging from marijuana-themed publications to retail stores selling marijuana-related clothing and accessories – what are the pros and cons of starting your own marijuana-related business?

Presenters:

- Troy Dayton, CEO, ArcView Group, San Francisco, CA
- Kris Krane, Principal and Managing Partner, 4Front Advisors, Phoenix, AZ

● Roundtable / Marijuana Policing Targets Youth of Color

Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Violations of marijuana laws account for about half of all drug-related arrests in the U.S. each year. The overwhelming majority are for possession of very small amounts for personal use. Most of those arrested are young and disproportionately nonwhite. Although few receive long sentences, they do cause social marginalization, permanent criminal records, and denial of public benefits such as financial aid for college. What's driving these arrests? Who's tracking this phenomenon? And what can be done about it?

Facilitator:

gabriel sayegh, State Director, New York, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Neill Franklin, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), Washington, DC
- Marisa Garcia, Drug Policy Reform Advocate, Santa Fe Springs, CA
- Harry Levine, Marijuana Arrest Research Project, New York, NY
- Kyung Ji Rhee, Director, Institute for Juvenile Justice Reform & Alternatives, Brooklyn, NY

● **Roundtable / The Impact of the War on Drugs on Immigrant Rights in the U.S.**

Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level

Immigrants arrested on drug charges face not just the criminal justice system, but the immigration system as well. Tens of thousands of legal residents and other non-citizens are deported for drug law violations each year. What efforts are under way to protect immigrants from this? How are drug policy reformers and immigrant rights advocates working together – or not? How can we better understand the intersection of the drug war and immigration? And how can we effectively mitigate the harmful impacts of drug laws on immigrant communities by organizing immigrant communities around drug law reform?

Facilitator:

Loren Siegel, Co-Director, Marijuana Arrest Research Project, Brooklyn, NY

- Donald Anthonyson, Organizer, Families for Freedom, New York, NY
- Daniel Carrillo, Field Organizer, Enlace, Los Angeles, CA
- Jumana Musa, Deputy Director, Rights Working Group, Washington, DC
- Hans Myer, Policy Director, Colorado Criminal Justice Coalition, Denver, CO
- Theshia Naidoo, Staff Attorney, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

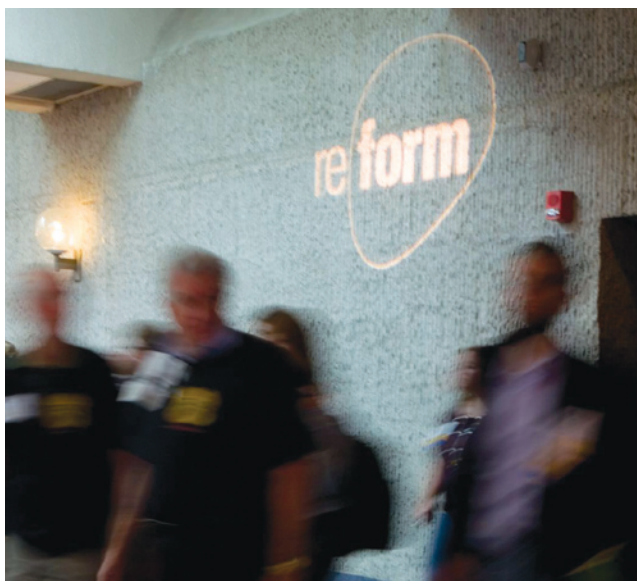
▲ **Training / Bad Trips: How to Respond to Unwanted or Dangerous Side Effects of Psychedelics, Opiates & Stimulants**

San Gabriel A, Lobby Level

This training will teach people who use drugs or work with drug users how to respond to undesired or dangerous side effects associated with stimulants, psychedelics and opiates.

Presenters:

- Luciano Colonna, International Consultant, Public Health/Policy, Salt Lake City, UT
- Rick Doblin, Executive Director, Multidisciplinary Association of Psychedelic Studies, Boston, MA
- John Harrison, Principal Investigator, Ibogaine Outcome Study, San Diego, CA
- Eliza Wheeler, Drug Overdose Prevention and Education (DOPE) Project Manager, Harm Reduction Coalition, San Francisco, CA



● **Roundtable / Where Health Care Reform Meets Drug Policy Reform**

San Gabriel B, Lobby Level

Various advocacy groups are analyzing whether and how the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will lead to coordinated and comprehensive treatment services for people struggling with drug addiction. Does the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act hold promise for those at risk for or in need of treatment? What, if any, provisions in the legislation align with harm reduction and other drug policy reform goals?

Facilitator:

Emily Kaltenbach, State Director, New Mexico, Drug Policy Alliance, Santa Fe, NM

- David C. Lewis, Founding Director, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI
- Ron Manderscheid, Executive Director, National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors, Washington, DC
- Bruce Trigg, Addiction Treatment and Single-Payer Advocate, Albuquerque, NM
- Justina Trott, Senior Fellow, RWJF Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
- Mohini Venkatesh, Senior Director of Public Policy at the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, Washington, DC

Breakout Sessions

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

● Roundtable / Changing the System III – Sentencing and Prison Reform Is Real: Lessons and Warnings

San Jose, 2nd Floor

States are reducing their prison populations, Congress has undertaken unprecedented sentencing reform, and the U.S. Supreme Court has deemed California's prison overcrowding to be a violation of inmates' constitutional rights. Why and how has the tide turned? What is needed to maintain the momentum? And what are the threats to the continuation and expansion of these reforms?

Facilitator:

gabriel sayegh, State Director, New York, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Rachel Bloom, Advocacy and Policy Strategist, Center for Justice, American Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY
- LaResse Harvey, Policy Director, A Better Way Foundation, Hartford, CT
- Dorsey E. Nunn, Executive Director, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, San Francisco, CA
- Jasmine L. Tyler, Deputy Director, National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC
- Ana Yañez-Correa, Executive Director, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, Austin, TX (invited)

● Roundtable / Mexico's Crisis and the Bi-national Movement Against the Drug War

Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor

The war on drugs has inflicted enormous harms on Mexico in recent years, generating extreme violence, crime, corruption and human rights abuses. What is behind this drug war and what are its national and regional implications? What effects has it had on border and

migrant communities? Can drug legalization change the dynamic? How can people in the US make drug policy reform efforts an integral part of supporting Mexico's national peace and justice movement?

Facilitator:

Ted Lewis, Human Rights and Mexico Program Director, Global Exchange, San Francisco, CA

- Miguel Alvarez, President, *Serapaz*, Mexico City, Mexico
- Susie Byrd, City Representative, El Paso, TX
- John Gibler, Journalist and Author, *To Die In Mexico*, San Francisco, CA
- Zulma Mendez, Assistant Professor, University of Texas at El Paso and Director, *Pacto por la Cultura*, Juarez, Mexico
- Diego Osorno, Journalist and Author, *El Cartel de Sinaloa*, Mexico
- Victor Quintana, Former Congressman, Chihuahua, Mexico
- Javier Sicilia, Poet, Mexico

● Roundtable / Marijuana Reform Hotspots: Colorado and Washington

Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Colorado and Washington are set to host viable legalization ballot initiatives in 2012. How do the initiatives differ from one another? How will they affect medical marijuana? What political compromises are being made to increase the likelihood of victory? And what headlines can we expect over the next year as the campaigns ramp up?

Facilitator:

Art Way, Drug Policy Manager, Colorado, Drug Policy Alliance, Denver, CO

- Steve Fox, Director of Government Relations, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC
- Alison Holcomb, Campaign Director, New Approach Washington, Seattle, WA
- Peter Holmes, City Attorney, Seattle, WA
- Roger Roffman, Professor Emeritus, University of Washington, Seattle
- Mason Tvert, Executive Director, SAFER, Denver, CO
- Sean T. McAllister, Cannabis Law Center, Denver, CO

▲ **Training / More Money, Fewer Problems:
Fundraising Tips from the Inside and Outside**

Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level

You need more money to sustain and build your organization – but the economy is a mess and raising funds is more competitive than ever. What should you do? Experienced drug policy reform fundraisers and donors share their secrets for success and answer your questions about grants, individual giving, events, direct mail and more.

Facilitator and Presenter:

Clovis Thorn, Managing Director of Development,
Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- asha bandele, Director of Advocacy Grants Program, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Jodie Evans, Co-Founder, CODEPINK, Los Angeles, CA
- David Glowka, Manager of Foundation Relations, Drug Policy Alliance, Philadelphia, PA
- Hilda Vega, Senior Program Officer, The Libra Foundation, Chicago, IL

■ **Panel / Pushing the Envelope: Supervised Injection Facilities and Other Good Ideas**

San Gabriel A, Lobby Level

A Supervised Injection Facility (SIF) is a place where people who inject illegal drugs can do so in a safe place – off the streets, with access to health services. Evaluations of these facilities have consistently demonstrated that they are effective in reducing new HIV infections, overdose deaths, and public nuisance – and that they do not increase drug use or criminal activity. As of 2010, there were 92 such facilities operating in 61 cities around the world – and even a few behind prison walls – but none in the United States. What's the story behind North America's only SIF in Vancouver, efforts to establish SIFs

in the Bronx and San Francisco, a new SIF-on-wheels in Denmark, and other strategies that push the envelope in harm reduction?

Moderator:

Laura Thomas, Deputy State Director, Drug Policy Alliance, San Francisco, CA

- Liz Evans, Co-Director, Portland Hotel Society, Vancouver, Canada
- Nanna W. Gotfredsen, Lawyer, The Street Lawyers/Gadejuristen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Fred Johnson, Syringe Exchange Program Coordinator, CitiWide Harm Reduction, Bronx, NY
- Thomas Kerr, Director, Urban Health Research Initiative, British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, and Associate Professor, Dept. of Medicine, University of British Columbia
- Alex Wodak, Director, Alcohol and Drug Services at St. Vincent's Hospital, and President, Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation, Sydney, Australia

● **Roundtable / Making Sense of Drug Testing**

San Gabriel B, Lobby Level

Despite drug testing's many limitations, it is used extensively in the criminal justice system, and its use is expanding into other areas such as driving under the influence of drugs checkpoints and welfare eligibility. This panel will examine the scientific limits of drug testing, emerging trends in the use of these tests, and strategies to curtail their use.

Facilitator:

Daniel Abrahamson, Director, Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

- Paul Armentano, Deputy Director, NORML, Washington, DC
- Patt Denning, Therapist, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA
- Becky Lo Dolce, San Francisco Probation Department, San Francisco, CA
- Mark O'Brien, Policy Associate, Legal Action Center, New York, NY
- Lynn Paltrow, Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women, New York, NY
- Rod Skager, Professor Emeritus, University of California, Los Angeles, CA

■ Panel / Psychedelics, Religion and Cultural Translation

San Gabriel C, Lobby Level

In the 20th century, ayahuasca and other indigenous healing medicines spread beyond their native origins and have been incorporated into syncretistic practices that are being adopted by non-indigenous peoples in Western contexts, including scientific research into possible therapeutic uses of these medicines. This growing interest from modern non-indigenous peoples poses significant conceptual challenges regarding drugs and drug policies. What are the indigenous roots

of plant-based medicines and what is their relation to Westerners? Are psychedelics a medicine or a sacrament... or something else?

Moderator:

Jill Harris, Acting Deputy Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Neil Goldsmith, Counselor and Therapist, New York, NY
- Ralph Metzner, Co-Founder and President, Green Earth Foundation
- Dimitri "Mobengo" Mugianis, Founding Member of VOCAL, New York, NY
- Mona Polacca, International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers, Phoenix, AZ
- Kenneth Tupper, Educational Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

NO MORE DRUG WAR

A Rally and Concert to End the War on Drugs

Thursday, November 3

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Levitt Pavilion, MacArthur Park

Join national reform leaders, elected officials, victims of the drug war, medical marijuana patients, students, and thousands of people who simply believe the war on drugs is doing more harm than good. Featuring local musicians and spoken word artists, this event acknowledges President Nixon's declaration of the drug war 40 years ago and demands an exit strategy from this unwinnable war. Protest punitive, inefficient, and biased drug policies. Support health-centered alternatives. **Buses will be available to shuttle conference attendees to and from the rally.**

Continental Breakfast & Registration

8:30 am - 9:30 am

California Foyer, 2nd Floor

Breakout Sessions

9:15 am – 10:45 am

● Roundtable / Changing the System IV –

Surveillance vs. Incarceration:

Reducing the Prison Population Isn't the End

San Jose, 2nd Floor

Prison reformers are gradually reversing the decades-long trend of increasing prison populations. But there's also a new momentum to expand the use of surveillance for people on probation and parole, as states are now looking for cheaper ways to punish and monitor those suspected or convicted of breaking the law. As prison populations shrink, is the expanded criminal justice surveillance of more Americans inevitable? What types of surveillance are acceptable? And what does this mean for a criminal justice system that is marked by extraordinary, institutionalized racial bias?

Facilitator:

Ira Glasser, President, Board of Directors, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Shahid Buttar, Executive Director, Bill of Rights Defense Committee, Northampton, MA
- Mack Jenkins, Probation Chief, San Diego County, CA
- Lynn Paltrow, Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women
- Deborah Peterson Small, Executive Director, Break the Chains, Berkeley, CA

● Roundtable / Salvia, Synthetic Marijuana, Bath Salts and Emerging Drug Criminalization Trends

Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Even as state policymakers increasingly embrace various drug policy reforms, the knee-jerk criminalization of salvia and other "new" drugs demonstrates that elected officials still tend to prohibit first, and ask questions later. What specific regulatory options can be used to control access to substances in a way that reduces the harm to individuals, families and society as a whole? How can policymakers be

persuaded to consider policy tools other than criminalization to balance the competing interests of criminal justice and public health? And what lessons have we learned from regulating other substances such as alcohol and tobacco?

Facilitator:

Jag Davies, Publications Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Corey Davis, Staff Attorney, Public Health Law Network
- Earth and Fire Erowid, Erowid Center, Grass Valley, CA
- Roger Goodman, Member, Washington House of Representatives, Seattle, WA
- Sunny Hashmi, Volunteer, TRIP! Project, Toronto, Canada
- Grant Smith, Federal Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC
- Jacob Sullum, Senior Editor, *Reason*, Dallas, TX

● Roundtable / State of the Movement:

Whither Medical Marijuana?

Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor

What's the political future of medical marijuana in the United States? Why does the Obama administration appear to be obstructing state-sponsored distribution systems? Why does it remain so hard to expand and enhance safe access when so many Americans support it? And how has growing support for marijuana legalization affected support for medical marijuana?

Facilitator:

Caren Woodson, The Green Cross, San Francisco, CA

- Tom Daubert, Founder, Patients & Families United, Helena, MT
- Allen Hopper, Police Practices Director, ACLU of Northern California, San Francisco, CA
- Michael Kennedy, High Times Attorney, New York, NY
- Steph Sherer, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access, Washington, DC
- Karen O'Keefe, Director of State Policies, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC
- F. Aaron Smith, Executive Director, National Cannabis Industry Association, Phoenix, AZ
- Tamar Todd, Staff Attorney, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

● Roundtable / Can Hip Hop Help End the Drug War?

Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level

Throughout history, artists have used their work as vehicles for social change. How can hip hop artists create opportunities to mobilize the public around drug policy reform?

Facilitator:

Jasmine Tyler, Deputy Director, National Affairs, Washington DC

- Shahid Buttar, Executive Director, Bill of Rights Defense Committee, Northampton, MA
- andre douglas ponds cummings, Law Professor, West Virginia College of Law
- Tommy McDonald, Deputy Director, Media Relations, Berkeley, CA
- "Freeway" Ricky Ross, Community Activist and Film Producer, Los Angeles, CA
- Jasmine Tyler, Deputy Director, National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC
- Froggy Vazquez, SSDP, Los Angeles Community College
- Tara Young, Founder and Blogger, Hip Hop Advocate.org



● Roundtable / From School to Prison: Enough Already!

San Gabriel A, Lobby Level

A remarkably high percentage of young people – particularly those of color – end up in prison instead of college. What's driving this? What efforts are under way to dismantle it? And what are the opportunities for drug policy reformers to play a pivotal role?

Facilitator:

Daniel Robelo, Research Associate, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

- Seema Ahmad, Staff Attorney, Advancement Project, Washington DC
- Manuel Criollo, Director of Organizing, Labor Strategy Center and Community Rights Campaign, Los Angeles, CA
- Morris Jenkins, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Toledo, Ohio
- Edward Little, Department of Justice Affairs, Office of Reentry, Cleveland, OH
- Theshia Naidoo, Staff Attorney, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA
- Joyce Parker, Organizer, Southern Echo, Greenville, MS (invited)
- Judith Renaud, Executive Director, Educators for Sensible Drug Policy, Canada

▲ Training / Throwing a Monkeywrench at the Drug War: How to Use Their Money and Data to Support Your Anti-Drug War Program

San Gabriel B, Lobby Level

As states dramatically slash budgets, promising opportunities are emerging to expose – and to even end – drug war waste. Drawing on lessons from Baltimore, California and New York, participants will learn about data- and information-gathering tools and lay out a step-by-step plan for redirecting drug war dollars (i.e., Byrne Grants) away from drug arrest programs at the local and/or state level.

- Lori Albin, Director, Fiscal Policy Center, National Juvenile Justice Network, Washington, DC
- Margaret Dooley-Sammuli, Deputy State Director, Southern California, Drug Policy Alliance

Mobile Workshops

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Buses for Mobile Workshops leave from the Westin Bonaventure Hotel. More information on page 25.

Breakout Sessions

11:15 am – 12:45 am

■ Panel / Review and Update on Clinical Psychedelic Research

San Jose, 2nd Floor

We are now in the midst of a psychedelic research renaissance, with clinical studies under way at top medical schools and research institutes worldwide. To date, the results have shown that psychedelic-assisted therapy is more effective than conventional treatments for easing anxiety in the dying, interrupting the hold of addictive drugs, alleviating post-traumatic stress disorder, and treating other conditions. The idea of psychedelics as powerful psychiatric medicines is now beginning to be re-accepted by the medical community. What does this mean? And what new directions will the future hold?

Moderator:

Ralph Metzner, President, Green Earth Foundation

- Rick Doblin, Founder and Executive Director, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS), Boston, MA
- Amanda Feilding, Executive Director, Beckley Foundation, Oxford, U.K.
- Charles Grob, Director, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, and Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at the UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA
- Bob Wold, Founder and President, Clusterbusters

● Roundtable / What's Going On In Latin America?

Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor

The persistent failure of U.S.-driven drug war strategies in Latin America has resulted in increasingly frequent and diverse calls for reform. The 2009 Latin American Commission on Drug Policy and the 2011 Global Commission have legitimized calls for reform, as national advocacy efforts in Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Mexico and elsewhere gain momentum. What has been the impact of these Commissions? Why are courts and national legislatures increasingly endorsing reforms? What sorts of coordination exist between national reform movements within Latin America? And what opportunities are afforded by the declining influence of the U.S. in the region?

Facilitator:

Coletta Youngers, Senior Fellow, Washington Office on Latin America, Washington, DC

- Pedro Vieira Abramovay, Professor, Fundação Getulio Vargas Law School, and former Justice Ministry official, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Eduardo Vergara Bolbarán, Director, *Asuntos del Sur*, Santiago, Chile
- Alejandro Corda, Secretary of Justice in the Federal Criminal Jurisdiction, and Member, *Intercambios Asociación Civil*, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Catalina Pérez Correa, Researcher and Professor, *Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas* (CIDE), Aguascalientes, Mexico
- Diego Groscors, Representative, *Alianza por una nueva política de drogas en Costa Rica*, San José, Costa Rica
- Rodrigo Uprimny Yepes, Director, *Centro de Estudios de Derecho, Justicia y Sociedad* (DeJuSticia) and former magistrate of the Constitutional Court, Bogotá, Colombia

● Roundtable / The New, Improved Marijuana Reform Coalition

Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Last year's groundbreaking Proposition 19 campaign in California forged a remarkable coalition as long-time marijuana law reformers joined with mainstream civil rights organizations, major trade unions, parent activists and other relatively new allies. Legalization campaigns across the country are breaking new ground and expanding the coalition even further. What will it take to build greater support from new and existing allies?

Facilitator:

Stephen Gutwillig, State Director, California, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

- Larry Bedard, Delegate, California Medical Association, Sausalito, CA
- LaResse Harvey, Policy Director, A Better Way Foundation, Hartford, CT
- Kassandra Frederique, Policy Associate, New York, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Antonio Gonzalez, President, William C. Velasquez Institute, Los Angeles, CA
- Alice Huffman, President, California NAACP, Sacramento, CA
- Kyndra Miller, NORML Women's Alliance, San Francisco, CA
- Dan Rush, Director, Medical Cannabis and Hemp Division, UFCW International Union, San Francisco, CA

● Roundtable / Innovative Policy Responses to Overdose Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level

The number of overdose deaths has climbed dramatically in the last decade, mostly because of prescription drugs. Accidental drug overdose is now the second leading cause of accidental death in the United States. Significant federal funding is directed toward preventing HIV/AIDS and homicide, but virtually no federal dollars are designated for overdose prevention – even though overdose kills more people than murder or HIV/AIDS. What is the significance of the successful passage of 911 Good Samaritan legislation in several states, and the expansion of access to the overdose reversal drug naloxone? And what other effective policy responses are available to stem this easily preventable epidemic?

Facilitator:

Meghan Ralston, Harm Reduction Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

- Caleb Banta-Green, Research Scientist, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Alice Bell, Overdose Prevention Project Coordinator, Prevention Point Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- Maya Doe-Simkins, Consultant, Boston Medical Center, MA
- Nguyen Phuong Lan, Director's Assistant, Center for Supporting Community Development Initiatives, Hanoi, Vietnam
- Elizabeth Owens, Leader, VOCAL, New York, NY

● Roundtable / No Child Left Behind? Creating Drug Policies to Include Young People San Gabriel A, Lobby Level

Young people in the U.S. are disproportionately targeted and impacted by prohibitionist policies. Despite this, drug policy reformers often end up advocating for new policies that exclude protection for those under 21, or that even

increase penalties directed at youth. Given that public opinion research suggests that drug policy reform initiatives cannot win when youth are afforded the same protections as adults, how can young people exert greater influence over drug policy reform advocacy and legislation?

Facilitator:

Aaron Houston, Executive Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC

- Stacia Cosner, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC
- Michael Everett, Team Leader, Capacity Building Specialist, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY
- Member Representative, Youth Justice Coalition, Los Angeles, CA
- Member Representative, Center for Young Women's Development, San Francisco, CA
- Kim McGill, Organizer, Youth Justice Coalition, Los Angeles, CA
- Jordan Seaberry, Organizer, Direct Action for Rights and Equality (DARE), Providence, RI
- Noemi Soto, Coalition for Responsible Community Development, Los Angeles, CA

▲ Training / What Do You Say To That Question? How To Have Conversations About Drug Use and Harm Reduction

San Gabriel B, Lobby Level

Harm reduction and drug policy are such broad topics that few of us can really describe it without giving a lecture. This workshop will give you tools to talk to people of all backgrounds about the particulars of harm reduction, especially common myths and criticisms.

Presenters:

- Patt Denning, Director of Clinical Services and Training, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA
- Jeannie Little, Executive Director, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA

Lunch (on your own)

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Feature Plenary

2:00 – 3:30 pm

California Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Speakers will address the theme “Building a Movement.”

- Javier Sicilia, noted Mexican poet and activist
- Aaron Houston, Executive Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington DC
- Lynn Paltrow, Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women, New York, NY
- Neill Franklin, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), Washington, DC
- Tina Reynolds, Co-Founder, Women On The Rise Telling Herstory (WORTH), New York, NY
- Ira Glasser, President, Board of Directors, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

Breakout Sessions

3:45 pm – 5:15 pm

● **Roundtable / Stigma and Exclusion: How Can We Overcome It?**

San Jose, 2nd Floor

People who use drugs or have a criminal record for a drug law violation are often stripped of their humanity and face extensive hurdles to leading stable and productive lives. These hurdles can exclude people from public assistance for basic needs like food and housing, deny students financial aid for college, and even lead to loss of child custody. What are some strategies to fight back? Speakers will share their stories.

Facilitator:

Grant Smith, Federal Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

- Susan Burton, Founder and Executive Director, A New Way of Life Reentry Project, and Co-Founder, All of Us or None, Los Angeles, CA
- Becky Dennison, Co-Director, Los Angeles Community Action Network, Los Angeles, CA
- JoAnne Page, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Fortune Society, New York, NY
- Nicole D. Porter, State Advocacy Coordinator, The Sentencing Project, Washington, DC
- Michelle Natividad Rodriguez, Staff Attorney, National Employment Law Project, Oakland, CA
- Karen Shain, Policy Director, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, San Francisco, CA

● **Roundtable / Global Drug Policy: Challenges, Trends and Opportunities**

Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Who will shape the future of global drug policy reform? What is the impact of the Global Commission? What are cutting edge issues and questions at the intersection of drug policy and human rights, HIV/AIDS prevention and public health? How are the UNODC and other global agencies evolving in their perspective on drug policy? How is the U.S. role evolving? What's the latest with efforts to revise the UN anti-drug Conventions or to put forward a new model? And to what extent is drug policy reform gaining ground in Asia and Africa?

Facilitator:

Allan Clear, Executive Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

- Jonathan Cohen, Director, Law and Health Initiative, Open Society Foundations, New York, NY (invited)
- Amanda Feilding, Director, The Beckley Foundation, Oxford, UK
- Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, Director, Global Drug Policy Program, Open Society Foundations, Warsaw, Poland
- Rebecca Schleifer, Advocacy Director, Health and Human Rights Division, Human Rights Watch, New York, NY (invited)
- Sanho Tree, Fellow, Institute for Policy Studies, Washington DC
- Alex Wodak, Director, Alcohol and Drug Services at St. Vincent's Hospital, and President, Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation, Sydney, Australia
- Coletta Youngers, Senior Fellow, Washington Office on Latin America, Washington, DC

● Roundtable / How Are We Ever Going to Clarify Medical Marijuana in California?

Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Proposition 215 gave Californians the right to possess and grow marijuana for medical use, but failed to establish a legal distribution system. Instead, it encouraged the federal and state government to “implement a plan to provide for the safe and affordable distribution of marijuana to all patients in medical need.” This mandate has been sorely neglected, resulting in hundreds of lawsuits, raids and arrests. What needs to happen next?

Facilitator:

Dale Gieringer, State Director, California NORML, Berkeley, CA

- Tom Ammiano, California State Assembly, San Francisco, CA
- Lanette Davies, Director, Crusaders for Patients' Rights, Sacramento, CA
- Don Duncan, California Director, Americans for Safe Access, Oakland, CA
- George Mull, California Cannabis Association, Sacramento, CA
- Chris Norby, California State Assembly, Orange, CA
- Cynara Velazquez, Patient Care Association, San Diego, CA

▲ Training / How to Engage and Utilize the Ever-Changing Media World

Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level

The media landscape has changed dramatically over the last 10 years, with different players and rules of engagement. From the downsizing of traditional media to the rise of social networking, the playing field has changed. Hear from media and communications experts on how to engage and utilize the worlds of traditional and new media.

Facilitator:

Tommy McDonald, Deputy Director, Media Relations, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

- Tom Angell, Media Relations Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, San Francisco, CA
- Jan Frel, Former Editor, AlterNet.org, Los Angeles, CA
- Dani McClain, Campaign Manager, ColorofChange.org, San Francisco, CA
- Tony Newman, Director, Media Relations, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Anjuli Verma, PhD Candidate in Criminology, Law and Society, University of California, Irvine

● Roundtable / Connecting Juvenile Justice and Drug Policy Reform: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead

San Gabriel A, Lobby Level

While the drug war is a driving factor for over-criminalization of both youth and adults in the United States today, there is seemingly little collaboration between the fields of drug policy reform and juvenile justice. What are some of the obstacles to collaboration? And what opportunities have yet to be explored? Speakers will tackle thorny issues such as adolescent drug use and selling, and innovative interventions that aim to avoid pathologizing young people.

Facilitator:

Jasmine Tyler, Deputy Director, Drug Policy Alliance, Office of National Affairs, Washington, DC

- Lori Albin, Director, Fiscal Policy Center, National Juvenile Justice Network, Washington, DC
- Kyung Ji Rhee, Director, Institute for Juvenile Justice Reform and Alternatives, Brooklyn, NY
- Mike Males, Principal Investigator, Youthfacts.org (invited)
- Kim McGill, Director, Youth Justice Coalition, Los Angeles, CA (invited)
- Chuck Ries, Director, UpFront, San Diego, CA (invited)
- Christopher L. Scott, Policy Analyst, Open Society Foundations

■ Panel / Nightlife Harm Reduction: A New Harm Reduction Frontier?

San Gabriel B, Lobby Level

Nightlife harm reduction has never truly caught on in the U.S., despite a brief flare of interest around the late 90s and early 2000s. What has been the impact of the RAVE Act, eight years in? What can we learn from the strategies our neighbors in Europe and the U.K. have adopted? What might nightlife harm reduction in the U.S. look like?

Moderator:

Stefanie Jones, Event Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Carissa Cornwell, National Outreach Director, DanceSafe, Madison, WI
- Benedict Lee, Chief, Research and Epidemiology, Los Angeles Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control
- Dina Perrone, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, California State University Long Beach
- Lisa Campbell Salazar, TRIP! Project Coordinator, Toronto, Canada

Continental Breakfast

8:45 am – 9:45 am

California Foyer

Breakout Sessions

9:45 am – 11:15 am

● Roundtable / Think Global, Act Local: Grassroots Engagement to End the Drug War

San Jose, 2nd Floor

No movement for social change can succeed without intensive engagement at the local level. The last few years have seen an explosion in drug policy reform activity at the local level. What are the particular challenges of advocating at the local level? How does this work connect with national priorities? And what can we learn from people who have launched efforts to mobilize communities to end the war on drugs?

Facilitator:

Dan Berger, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

- Gretchen Burns-Bergman, Co-Founder, Moms United; Executive Director & Co-Founder A New PATH, Rancho Santa Fe, CA
- Susan Burton, Founder and Executive Director, A New Way of Life; Steering Committee Member, Formerly Incarcerated and Convicted Peoples Movement, Los Angeles, CA
- Hiawatha Collins, VOCAL, New York, NY
- Ajeng Larasati, Drug Policy Reform Program Coordinator, Community Legal Aid Institute, Jakarta, Indonesia
- Dan Rush, Director, State Operations, United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 5, Los Angeles, CA

■ Panel / Medical Marijuana Science: Latest Advances

Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor

This isn't your father's medical marijuana. Learn about the latest advancements in medical marijuana science and treatment options in this frank roundtable discussion. What are the findings? And how do we make sense of the past, present and future of this versatile healing herb?

Moderator:

Paul Armentano, Deputy Director, NORML, Vallejo, CA

- Julie Holland, Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, NYU School of Medicine Medical Monitor, New York, NY
- Amanda Reiman, Director of Research/Lecturer, UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare, Berkeley, CA
- Craig Reinerman, Professor of Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Michelle Sexton, Naturopathic Doctor and Clinical Research Scientist, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

● Roundtable / Psychedelic Healing: Can Psychedelics Reinvent Medicine... and Society?

Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Psychedelics can trigger insight, but behavior change takes time and a changed environment to take root. Through personal stories, participants will explore the concept and process of change in psychedelic therapy. How do psychedelics redefine medicine and science, and how can we effectively reintegrate them into contemporary society?

Facilitator:

Neal Goldsmith, Psychotherapist and Counselor, New York, NY

- Rick Doblin, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Boston, MA
- Jim Fadiman, Co-Founder, Institute for Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA
- Julie Holland, Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, NYU School of Medicine, New York, NY
- Marilyn Howell, Author, *Honor Thy Daughter*, Boston, MA
- Amanda Feilding, Executive Director, Beckley Foundation, Oxford, UK

● Roundtable / Crack Pipes, Cow Wormer, and Controversy: Stimulants and Harm Reduction

Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level

Despite the perception that harm reduction “doesn’t work” with stimulants – crack, methamphetamine, cocaine, etc. – there are in fact effective harm reduction programs around the world working to reduce the harms of stimulant use. From testing cocaine for adulterants to providing a safe space for crack smoking, people are implementing a variety of cutting-edge harm reduction programs. What programs have been successful, and what can we learn from them in developing new ones?

Facilitator:

Bill Piper, Director, National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

- Michael Discepola, Director, Stonewall Project, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, San Francisco, CA
- Zoe Dodd, Safer Crack Use Coalition (SCUC), Toronto, Canada
- Don Habibi, Professor of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
- Carl Hart, Associate Professor, Psychology & Psychiatry Department, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Thomas Kerr, Director, Urban Health Research Initiative, British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS & Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, University of British Columbia
- Nathan Messer, Board President, DanceSafe, Seattle, WA
- Eliza Wheeler, DOPE Project Manager, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA

▲ Training / Know Your Rights: How to Deal with Law Enforcement and NOT Get Arrested

San Gabriel B, Lobby Level

The Bill of Rights provides each of us with certain inalienable rights. Flex Your Rights' *Know Your Rights* training incorporates real-life scenarios designed for easy application during police encounters. Learn practical methods for retaining and protecting your rights during car stops, street encounters and when the police knock at your door.

- Neill Franklin, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Medford, MA
- Ronald Hampton, Washington D.C. Representative, Blacks in Law Enforcement
- Kate Kyung Ji Rhee, Director, Institute for Juvenile Justice Reform & Alternatives

■ Panel / Too High a Cost: HIV & Drug Policy Reform

San Gabriel A, Lobby Level

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the war on drugs and the 30th anniversary of the discovery of AIDS. The two disasters have grown side by side – and have deeply influenced each other. In some respects, the silver lining of the black cloud of HIV/AIDS has been the impetus it created for drug policy reform, such as the passage of state medical marijuana laws and efforts to expand access to sterile syringes and methadone. Why has HIV/AIDS been such a compelling rationale for drug policy reform? And how can we push it further?

Moderator:

Laura Thomas, Deputy State Director, San Francisco, Drug Policy Alliance

- Tom Ammiano, Member, California State Assembly, San Francisco, CA
- Jonathan Cohen, Director, Law and Health Initiative, Open Society Foundations, New York, NY
- Michael D. Siever, Director of Behavioral Health Services, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, San Francisco, CA
- Bobby Tolbert, Board Member, VOCAL, New York, NY
- Ivan Varentsov, Project Manager, Andrey Rylkov Foundation, Moscow, Russia
- Evan Wood, Director, Urban Health Research Initiative, BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, and Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada



Breakout Sessions

11:45 am – 1:15 pm

● Roundtable / Conservatives, Libertarians and Drug Policy Reform

San Jose, 2nd Floor

The growing momentum for criminal justice and drug policy reform in the United States has been given a boost by not just libertarians, but also conservatives and other Republicans. Some of these groups have been instrumental in winning major sentencing reform measures in a number of states. What are the differences between traditional conservatives, fiscal conservatives, and libertarians? What are the best ways to message to each on drug policy reform issues? Will they ever support harm reduction programs, even if they are cost-neutral? What is the significance of the Right on Crime initiative? And how do we build stronger, more diverse coalitions to support drug policy reform?

Facilitator:

Jill Harris, Acting Deputy Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Craig DeRoche, Former Speaker, Michigan House of Representatives, Detroit, MI
- Richard Feldman, President, Independent Firearm Owners Association, Rindge, New Hampshire
- Jim Gray, former Superior Court Judge, Orange County, CA
- Jerry Madden, Chairman, Texas House Corrections Committee; Co-Chair, Public Safety Task Force, American Legislative Exchange Council, Plano, TX
- Stacie Rumenap, Co-chair, Public Safety Task Force, American Legislative Exchange Council, Washington, DC
- Jacob Sullum, Senior Editor, *Reason*, Dallas, TX

● Roundtable / The Portuguese Decriminalization Model in the European Context

Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Portuguese drug policy is widely heralded as an international model. How do we situate the Portuguese experience within a broader international context to examine its significance for European and global drug policy? Is Portugal a model that other countries can replicate? Should we be concerned about the Dutch back-tracking? What's going on in Greece, where the

Prime Minister recently introduced a decriminalization proposal? Is Denmark emerging as a new leader? And what's the evolving role of the European Union?

Facilitator:

Craig Reinerman, Professor of Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz

- Thanasis Apostolou, Advisory Board Member, Association Diogenis, Netherlands/Greece
- Caitlin Elizabeth Hughes, Drug Policy Modelling Program, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, University New South Wales, Australia
- Ted Goldberg, Professor, University of Gävle, Solna, Sweden
- Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, Director, Global Drug Policy Program, Open Society Foundations, Warsaw, Poland
- Sebastian Saville, Executive Director, Release, London, U.K.
- Valentin Simionov, Executive Director, Romanian Harm Reduction Network, Bucharest, Romania
- Georg Wurth, Chairman, German Hemp Association, Berlin, Germany

● Roundtable / How Does Money Shape Marijuana Reform?

Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor

It's time to address an elephant in the room – the role that those with financial interests in medical marijuana distribution may be playing in determining the direction of marijuana law reform in the U.S. Many industry professionals openly advocate for legalization while others would just as soon keep things as they are. What influence does this burgeoning industry have on campaigns to make marijuana legal? What's the appropriate balance between making money and making change?

Facilitator:

Tim Cavanaugh, Senior Editor, *Reason*, Los Angeles, CA

- Kate Cholewa, Policy & Communications, Montana Cannabis Industry Association, Helena, MT
- Steven DeAngelo, Executive Director, Harborside Health Center, Oakland, CA
- Mike Elliott, Medical Marijuana Industry Group, Denver, CO
- Debby Goldsberry, United Cannabis Collective, San Francisco, CA
- Rob Kampia, Executive Director, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC
- Ethan Nadelmann, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Ted Trimpa, President, Trimpa Group, Denver, CO

● Roundtable / Building a Global Movement for Drug Policy Reform: Can Young People Lead the Way?

Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level

What are the optimal roles for young people in the struggle for global drug policy reform? What particular value do they bring to the movement? Should young people focus solely on issues that disproportionately affect youth, or can they make substantial contributions to upending the global prohibition regime? With social media tools increasingly being used to promote and organize political transformations and uprisings all over the world, are young people positioned to lead a global mass movement against prohibition?

Facilitator:

Chantal Kallas, Network Development Coordinator, Youth Rise, Lebanon

- Aram Barra, Programme Director, Espolea, Mexico City, Mexico
- Caleb Chepesiuk, Executive Director, Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- Jonathan Perri, Senior Organizer, Change.org, Washington, DC
- Evan Goldstein, Policy Coordinator, New York, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Lisa Sanchez, Drug Policy and Harm Reduction Programme Coordinator, Espolea, Mexico City, Mexico
- Marcela Tovar, Coordinator of Project Evaluation and International Networking, Acción Técnica Social Colombia, Bogota

■ Panel / Substitution and Maintenance Therapy: Confronting Ignorance, Prejudice and Stigma

San Gabriel A, Lobby Level

Despite persistent public resistance to substitution and maintenance therapies, innovative programs are advancing around the world. These programs are easing access to methadone, winning support for heroin-assisted treatment, and utilizing marijuana as an alternative to prescription pain medications. Although decades of evidence overwhelmingly show that substitution and maintenance therapies are cost-effective, humane and beneficial to public health, they still are not widely accepted as legitimate treatments

for people struggling with addiction. What will it take to move the acceptance of substitution and maintenance therapies forward?

Moderator:

Sharon Stancliff, Medical Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York City, NY

- Tim Christie, Regional Director of Ethics Services, Horizon Health Network, New Brunswick, Canada
- Eugenia Oviedo-Joekes, Research Scientist, Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcome Sciences, Vancouver, Canada
- Olena Kucheruk, Coordinator, Harm Reduction Program, International Renaissance Foundation, Kiev, Ukraine
- Amanda Reiman, Director of Research/Lecturer, UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare, Berkeley, CA
- Alex Wodak, Director, Alcohol and Drug Service at St. Vincent's Hospital & President of the Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation, Sydney, Australia

▲ Training / Messaging for Change

San Gabriel B, Lobby Level

What messages resonate with people who remain skeptical of drug policy reform? We'll review the latest and best drug policy reform message testing and polling results – and provide opportunities to practice using those messages. Participants will gain new tools for the debate and learn what specific messages work for persuadable audiences.

Presenters:

- DeDe Dunevant, Managing Director, Communications, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Aaron Houston, Executive Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC

Lunchtime Plenary

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

California Ballroom, Second Floor (Lunch not provided)

Speakers will address the theme “Drug, Set and Setting – Today.”

- Gabor Mate, physician and author, In The Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters With Addiction, Vancouver, Canada
- Carl Hart, Associate Professor, Psychology & Psychiatry Department, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Julie Holland, Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, NYU School of Medicine, New York, NY

Breakout Sessions

2:45 pm – 4:15 pm

● Roundtable / Elected Officials: Hearing from our Representatives on Drug Policy Reform

San Jose, 2nd Floor

Elected officials are pivotal to drug policy reform, yet they are often the last ones on board. What are the best arguments to use to persuade elected officials that drug use should be treated as a health issue rather than a criminal justice issue? How can we build bipartisan coalitions for drug policy reform? How can we best support our elected allies as they fight for drug policy reform? And what are the lessons of recent legislative victories and defeats?

Facilitator:

Jill Harris, Acting Deputy Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Tom Ammiano, Member, California State Assembly, San Francisco, CA
- Roger Goodman, Member, Washington House of Representatives, Seattle, WA
- Arthenia Joyner, Florida State Senate
- Marie Lopez Kirkley-Bey, Deputy Speaker, Connecticut House of Representatives (invited)
- Antonio “Moe” Maestaf, Member, New Mexico House of Representatives
- Jerry Madden, Chairman, Texas House Corrections Committee; Co-Chair, Public Safety Task Force, American Legislative Exchange Council, Plano, TX
- Karen Pallian, Member, Indiana State Senate (invited)

■ Panel / Innovative Approaches to Medical Marijuana Distribution and Services

Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Patients need improved access to high-quality medical marijuana, support services, and increased civil and legal protections. What are the obstacles? How are

different jurisdictions and providers addressing these issues? And how do state and national leaders perceive this issue?

Moderator:

Tamar Todd, Staff Attorney, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

- Rielle Capler, Co-founder, Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries, Vancouver, Canada
- Thomas Heddleston, PhD Candidate, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Vincent Palazzotto, Medical Marijuana Assistance Program of America, Denver, CO
- Jacqueline Patterson, Advocate, Patients Out of Time/ Sensible Missouri, Kansas City, MO
- Amanda Reiman, Director of Research/Lecturer, UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare, Berkeley, CA

● Roundtable / Sex, Drugs and Movement-Building

Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Sex workers and drug users are both criminalized for what we do with our bodies, yet we don't always work together. What are the connections between the sex worker advocacy movement and the drug policy reform movement? How have the laws criminalizing drug use and drug users been adapted and used against sex workers? What can we learn from the recent victory in Louisiana against an egregious form of stigmatizing and criminalizing sex workers? And how can we build stronger connections across these two movements to reach even larger victories?

Facilitator:

Meghan Ralston, Harm Reduction Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

- Cyndee Clay, Executive Director, Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive (HIPS), Washington, DC
- Nanna W. Gotfredsen, Lawyer, The Street Lawyers/ Gadejuristen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Kiesha McCurtis, Project Coordinator, Desiree Alliance, Los Angeles, CA
- Laura McTighe, Member, Board of Directors, Women with a Vision, New Orleans, LA
- Katrina Pacey, Litigation Director, Pivot Legal Society, Vancouver, Canada
- Andrea Ritchie, Co-Coordinator, Streetwise and Safe (SAS), New York, NY

■ Panel / Ban the Box: Ending Attacks on Civil Rights in Employment and Beyond

Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level

People who have been convicted of a drug law violation face enormous obstacles. The drug war leads to the criminalization and incarceration of hundreds of thousands of people in the U.S. every year, often preventing their full participation in community and civic life. For instance, gaining employment can often be nearly impossible when employers won't hire people with criminal records. This panel will provide conference participants with tools to fight discrimination against people with arrest or conviction records. Speakers will highlight numerous successful campaigns led by formerly incarcerated people that have removed barriers to employment, housing and other basic rights.

Moderator:

Saúl Sarabia, Director, Critical Race Studies Program;
Lecturer in Law, UCLA Law School

- Daryl Atkinson, Staff Attorney, North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services; Member, North Carolina Second Chance Alliance
- Linda Evans, Organizer, All of Us or None and Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, San Francisco, CA
- LaResse Harvey, Policy Director, A Better Way Foundation, Hartford, CT
- Bruce Reilly, Organizer, Direct Action for Rights and Equality, Providence, RI

■ Panel / Drugs, Criminalization and Public Health: Social Justice as Harm Reduction

San Gabriel B, Lobby Level

Harm reduction is often defined in terms of practical strategies to reduce the negative consequences of drug use, especially overdose and disease transmission. Yet many of the harms drug users experience result directly from the criminalization of drug use. Public health researchers and advocates are increasingly turning their focus to understanding the health and social consequences of criminalization and incarceration. What are the links between drug user health and the criminal justice system?

What can we learn from efforts to reduce the harms of legal drugs like alcohol and tobacco? And what roles can harm reduction practitioners and public health advocates play in dismantling the war on drugs?

Moderator:

Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, Director, Global Drug Policy Program, Open Society Foundations, Warsaw, Poland

- Holly Bradford, Founder/Technical Advisor, Korsang, Cambodia
- Che Gossett, Queer Activist and Prison Abolitionist, Philadelphia, PA
- Thomas Kerr, Director, Urban Health Research Initiative, British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, Associate Professor, Dept. of Medicine, University of British Columbia
- Gabor Maté, Physician and Author, *In The Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters With Addiction*, Vancouver, Canada

Closing Plenary

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
California Ballroom

- Rick Steves, Travel Writer, Activist
- Rodrigo "Froggy" Vazquez, Community Organizer, Students for Sensible Drug Policy Los Angeles City College
- Sonja Sohn, Actress, Activist
- Nguyen Phuong Lan, Director's Assistant, Center for Supporting Community Development Initiatives, Hanoi, Vietnam
- Marilyn Howell, Author, *Honor Thy Daughter*
- Dan Rush, Director of State Operations, United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 5
- Daryl Atkinson, Staff Attorney, North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services; Member, North Carolina Second Chance Alliance
- Stephen Gutwillig, California State Director, Drug Policy Alliance

Awards Reception

7:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Hollywood Ballroom

Join us in honoring your contemporaries who have made exceptional contributions in eight award categories, including science, medicine, law, education and more. What better way to celebrate excellence than over delectable desserts and sparkling wine! **Awards Reception tickets are \$25 and will be available for purchase on-site at the Registration Area.**

Mobile Workshops

Mobile Workshops will be conducted on Friday, November 4 from 11 am – 2 pm. Buses will leave from the Westin Bonaventure Hotel. More information available at the registration desk.

Mobile Workshop #1 – School to Prison Pipeline

This tour will give an overview of the frontline struggles in Los Angeles County to address the criminalization of young people and understand its origins in drug war policies such as drug testing and zero tolerance. Participants will also hear from individuals and organizations providing alternatives for youth and restorative justice practices. Local participants include Coalition for Responsible Community Development, Labor/Community Strategy Center, Los Angeles Community Action Network, Manual Arts Senior High School students and teachers, National Center for Dispute Resolution in Special Education, Southern California Library, and Youth Justice Coalition.

Mobile Workshop #2 – Skid Row

Participants will get a history of LA's downtown Skid Row neighborhood, notorious for its high rate of homelessness. They will tour some of the places working to provide services to Skid Row residents and discuss how "broken windows" policing impacts people who use drugs in this area. Homeless Health Care Los Angeles will demonstrate its on-site harm reduction services such as syringe exchange and overdose prevention training, including a brief presentation about naloxone. Skid Row residents will lead the group to permanent supportive housing facilities and other housing and services.

Mobile Workshop #3 – Medical Marijuana in California

Learn about California's historic Proposition 215, the frontline battles over the last 15 years to provide safe access to people in need, the forefront of research, and the future for cannabis medicine. Visit several medical marijuana dispensaries to meet patients and providers, see various types of cannabis medicine and medication modalities, and learn about personal cultivation and the science of cannabis. Participants include Americans for Safe Access, Cornerstone Collective, LA Wonderland Caregivers and Pure Life Alternative Wellness Center.

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Community Meetings are a space for conference attendees to organize a group of people to action or provide concrete training on a specific issue. Hear about each organization's goals in their own words and join them for these meetings.

Thursday, November 3

All of Us or None Reception Room

Open 9:00 am – 5:00 pm **all 3 days**

Organized by All of Us or None

Ongoing conversations among formerly-incarcerated people, our families, and allies. Look for trainings on our national campaigns, and time to share our own best solutions for the problems that face our communities.

Detention, Deportation and Drug Laws

7:00 am – 9:00 am

Organized by Families for Freedom, Detention Watch Network, and the Immigrant Defense Project

This meeting will train advocates, activists and community members about the rights of immigrants when facing drug charges in criminal courts and the effects of drug crimes on someone's immigration status. We will take a closer look at how the war on drugs has influenced policy on deportation and compromised the rights of immigrants in the U.S. Participants will learn about the deportation process and how to effectively mitigate the harmful impacts of drug laws on immigrant communities, as well as learn about strategies for organizing formerly incarcerated immigrants and their families.

Canadian Meeting

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Organized by Canadian Drug Policy Coalition

The Canadian Drug Policy Coalition is pleased to invite all Canadian delegates and allies to a Canadian meeting to network, strategize and exchange information about drug policy reform in Canada. Come get the latest information about the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition, meet colleagues interested and involved in drug policy reform, and participate in a Canadian movement for drug policy reform. Lunch will be provided.

Friday, November 4

Strategy Meeting: Drug Policy and the Immigrant Justice Movement

7:00 am – 9:00 am

Organized by Families for Freedom

In this meeting, participants will try to develop strategies to foster greater collaboration between immigrant justice and drug reform organizations. We hope to gain clarity and knowledge from existing models of collaborative efforts around the country, as well as to discuss best practices moving forward on how we can continue to create unity and alliance among groups on campaigns and advocacy efforts.

Moms United to End the War on Drugs National Convening

9:15 am – 10:45 am

Organized by Moms United to End the War on Drugs

This national parent advocacy group convenes to introduce the national steering committee, share our mission and history, and discuss the power that mothers and others can have in creating needed change in drug policy. We will also strategize about goals and timelines for Moms United in 2012. This is a great opportunity to connect and build.

SSDP Africa Meeting: Web 2.0 Toolkit for Drug Policy Advocacy

11:15 am – 12:45 pm

Organized by Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Africa Chapter

At this meeting, we will discuss how organizations can effectively use social media as a toolkit of advocacy and campaign for their projects. We will also cover how they can create a platform of communication with youth from Africa and other places.

Drug User Mobilization at the International AIDS Conference

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

Organized by Health GAP

Our workshop is focused on mobilizing communities traditionally and explicitly excluded from the International AIDS Conference. There is still a ban on travel for individuals convicted of a drug-related crime to enter the United States. That means that this important conference will be lacking the voices of one of the communities most affected

by the AIDS pandemic. Health GAP, VOCAL-NY and other groups are proposing to organize drug users to have a strong presence at this conference and to be in the leadership of one of the most important mass mobilizations on AIDS in the past 10 years.

Three Strikes Reform Initiative of 2012

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

Organized by Families to Amend California's Three Strikes

California's Three Strikes Law has been a disaster, leading to prison overcrowding and excessive sentencing for petty offenses including drug possession. On the November 2012 ballot, California voters will have an opportunity to reform Three Strikes. Join the initiative proponents at this gathering to learn more about the 2012 reform initiative and how you/your organization can support it.

CFJAN Meet & Greet

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Organized by Criminal Justice Funders & Advocates Network

The emerging CJFAN seeks to strengthen relationships, foster collaboration, harness energy, ideas and innovation to maximize resources for the greatest possible impact. Join us for a relaxed gathering of coffee and snacks with people across the criminal justice spectrum.

Diversifying the Movement: SSDP Presents a Manual for Success

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Organized by SSDP Diversity Committee

SSDP would like to invite anyone interested in growing the movement, or who believes the drug policy movement could do more to reach a more diverse audience, to an open discussion on how to move from talk to results. We have designed an outreach manual to help drug policy activists reach out to various demographics in their community, and we welcome feedback and support from anyone interested.

Saturday, November 5

California Marijuana Initiatives in 2012

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Organized by The Drug Policy Alliance

In the wake of Proposition 19, several marijuana reform voter initiatives are already circulating in preparation for the 2012 ballot. Proponents of several of these initiatives will explain their approach, share their plans for victory and take your questions. Help determine what may be the next step for marijuana in the Golden State.

AKA Angels Gathering

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Organized by AKA Angels

The AKA Angels is a formerly incarcerated women's civic group located throughout California. Our mission is to create a network of support to break the cycle of recidivism, support our hidden community members, and reunify families.



Each year the Reform Conference selects films – in-progress or already released – that show how people have been profoundly affected by the drug war. Introductions to the films will be provided and question & answer sessions will be held following each film.

Thursday, November 3

Play Safe

By Eddie Einbinder

Everything in *Play Safe* is completely real. Always educational and sometimes shocking, *Play Safe* documents casual users taking the necessary precautions while doing each of the following drugs in order to convey safest practice and effects: Adderall, alcohol, cigarettes & cigars, cocaine, DMT, heroin, ketamine, marijuana, MDMA (Ecstasy), methamphetamine, mushrooms, nitrous, oxycontin and salvia.

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm	Introduction to film Yolande Cadore, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm	Screening
1:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Q & A with Eddie Einbinder

Friday, November 4

After EDC

By Le Sheng Liu

After EDC is a feature documentary on the controversy behind Electric Daisy Carnival, the largest and one of the longest running annual raves in North America. The film captures the innovative public health campaign initiated by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health following the ecstasy-related fatality of a 15-year-old girl who attended EDC 2010 at the LA Coliseum. This is a work-in-progress, with never-before-seen rough cuts from key scenes in the story.

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm	Introduction to film Stefanie Jones, Event Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
6:45 pm – 7:15 pm	Screening
7:15 pm – 7:30 pm	Q & A with Le Sheng Liu

Raw Opium

By Peter D. Findlay

Raw Opium is a documentary by Kensington TV about the opium poppy – the raw material for heroin that had tremendous power, both to ease pain and destroy lives. The film explores the vast criminal trade around the world and through time, where conflicting forces battle over the narcotic sap of the opium poppy. Through a series of interviews and stories, we can see how this flower has played, and continues to play a pivotal role – not just in the lives of people who grow, manufacture, and use it – but also in the political instability of an increasingly interconnected and turbulent world.

7:30 pm – 7:45 pm	Introduction to film Robert Lang, producer/writer of <i>Raw Opium</i>
7:45 pm – 9:15 pm	Screening
9:15 pm – 9:30 pm	Q & A with Robert Lang

About the Presenters

Pedro Vieira Abramovay is a professor at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In early 2011 he served briefly as director of the *Secretaria Nacional Antidrogas*, Brazil's national drug agency. Prior to that he served from 2004 until 2011 as Secretary for Legislative Affairs and as Special Advisor to the Minister at the Ministry of Justice in Brazil. From 2003 to 2004, he was Legal Advisor for the Senate Majority Whip. He was the Brazilian Delegate to the Working Group for the Review of Hemispheric Anti-Drug Strategy, and also has vast experience as a panelist at national and international events.

Lori Albin, Director of NJJN's Fiscal Policy Center, has been working in the juvenile and criminal justice fields for more than fifteen years. Albin has a strong background in both fiscal analysis and juvenile justice advocacy and policy. Albin began her career as a financial analyst for Dun & Bradstreet, attained a CPA and was Chief Financial Officer of several highly successful private entities prior to attaining her law degree.

Patricia Allard, Deputy Director of Research and Policy at Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, has long advocated for criminal justice and drug policy reform – with an emphasis on women. As a Soros Justice Fellow, her child welfare reform efforts helped over one million children whose parents are incarcerated. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from St. Lawrence University, an LL.B. from Queen's University, and an MA from the Centre of Criminology at the University of Toronto.

Miguel Alvarez is presently helping to organize the national peace and anti-corruption movement of drug war victims, led by the poet Javier Sicilia. He is a veteran human rights defender and respected national progressive activist.

Tom Ammiano is a long-time San Francisco Democratic leader who has served nearly three decades as a teacher, civil rights leader, educator, Supervisor and now State Assemblymember. He introduced Good Samaritan legislation that provides limited immunity at the scene of an overdose and a landmark marijuana regulation bill. The latter was approved by the Assembly Public Safety Committee, the first formal consideration of marijuana legalization in American history and the first to be passed by a legislative policy committee.

Tom Angell is media relations director for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, where he helps pro-legalization law enforcers get their voices heard about the failure of the war on drugs. Previously, he handled media relations and lobbying for Students for Sensible Drug Policy and co-founded the Rhode Island Patient Advocacy Coalition, which successfully pushed to enact a medical marijuana law despite the governor's veto. He also served as media relations director for the Proposition 19 marijuana legalization campaign in California.

Donald Anthonyson is an organizer for Families For Freedom (FFF), a New York-based multi-ethnic defense network by and for immigrants facing and fighting deportation. At FFF, Donald, a former FFF Board member, led the efforts of the International Deportee Justice Campaign and co-facilitated the hosting of two Consular Roundtables (2005, 2006) in New York. He also produces and co-hosts FFF's monthly radio show, the *War On Immigrants Report* and has been involved in various social issues ranging from police brutality and anti-racial responses to immigration.

Paul Armentano is the Deputy Director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. He also serves on the faculty of Oakland University in Oakland, where he lectures on the science surrounding the safety and efficacy of medical cannabis. He is the author of the book *Emerging Clinical Applications for Cannabis* (NORML Foundation, 2007, updated 2011) and the co-author of *Marijuana is Safer: So Why Are We Driving People to Drink?* (2009, Chelsea Green), which has been licensed and translated internationally.

asha bandele is a journalist and the award-winning author of *The Prisoner's Wife* and four other books, most recently *Something Like Beautiful: One Single Mother's Story* (HarperCollins, 2009). A Columbia University Revson Fellow (2004-2005), asha's articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Essence*, *The Nation*, *Vibe* and numerous other publications. Since 2005, asha has proudly managed the Advocacy Grants Program at the Drug Policy Alliance. She lives in Brooklyn, NY with her daughter.

Aram Barra is a 25 year old activist from Mexico working on drug policy reform and harm reduction, gender equality and HIV.

Dan Berger is the George Gerbner Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania, where he studies race, media, and American social movements. He is the author or editor of *Letters From Young Activists*, *Outlaws of America*, and *The Hidden 1970s*. Currently, he is writing a book about black prisoner organizing in the 1960s and 1970s. He is also a member of Decarcerate PA, a grassroots campaign against prison expansion in Pennsylvania.

Rachel Bloom is the Advocacy and Policy Strategist for the American Civil Liberties Union's Center for Justice, where her work focuses on state-based criminal justice reform. Bloom works with ACLU affiliates throughout the country, as well as with national partners, to advance progressive reform and defeat regressive legislation. Bloom is the co-author of the national reports *Smart Reform is Possible* and *De Facto Disenfranchisement*. Bloom is a proud alumnae of Barnard College and received her Masters degree in Social Policy and Planning from the London School of Economics.

About the Presenters

Eduardo Vergara Bobarán is founding Director of *Asuntos del Sur*, a Latin American think tank based in Chile dedicated to public policy analysis and to influencing politics regionally. His work on drug policy has mainly focused on Chile where he started the Drug Policy Project at *Fundación Progresar*. While he was the Executive Director, he created and conducted the first national survey on perceptions of drug use and drug policy among college students. Vergara has conducted research on human security in countries such as Bosnia & Herzegovina, India, Costa Rica, China and Uganda. He has extensive experience on data and statistical analysis, polling and surveying. He has also directed different political campaigns. He received the Eiffel Scholarship and was recognized as part of the New Generation of Leaders for the Americas by the COA in NY, 2009. He co-hosts a live political talk show every week in Santiago.

Yami Bolaños is a patient whose commitment to medical cannabis began after she became a two-time cancer survivor and a liver transplant patient. She is also the first female Hispanic to open a medical cannabis facility in the City of Los Angeles. Her collective, Purelife Alternative Wellness Center, is considered a model facility and has been featured in numerous news reports and documentaries on medical marijuana.

Graham Boyd advises Peter Lewis on marijuana law reform. He is the founder and former Director of the ACLU Drug Law Reform Project. He has litigated before the U.S. Supreme Court and federal courts across the nation, building a record of court victories and resulting policy changes. He has played a leading role in criminal justice reforms, including changes in sentencing, racial profiling, medical marijuana, police practices and alternatives to incarceration.

Holly Bradford has over twenty years of dedicated experience in harm reduction. She is the founder of Korsang, where she is developing and coordinating the

first comprehensive Harm Reduction Service Program in the Kingdom of Cambodia. There, she advocates for drug user human rights, and trains Cambodian-Americans deported from the U.S. and Khmer drug users in harm reduction service delivery. Korsang is recognized as one of the most innovative harm reduction projects worldwide. She is currently writing a book about the Korsang experience.

Brad Burge is the Director of Communications for the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS). He earned his BA in Communication and Psychology from Stanford and his MA in Communication from the University of California, San Diego, where he studied the political, scientific and cultural changes involved in making illicit drugs into legitimate medicines. He believes in the importance of communication for helping people develop responsible relationships with themselves, each other, and their pharmacological tools.

Susan Burton is the Founder and Executive Director for A New Way of Life Reentry Project. Burton is a cofounder of All of Us or None, a civil rights movement formed by formerly incarcerated people. In 2011, Susan was nominated as a CNN hero in the category of "community crusader." She's been a Soros Justice Fellow, a Women's Policy Institute Fellow, and a Community Fellow under the Violence Prevention Initiative of The California Wellness Foundation. In 2007 Susan was appointed to Governor Schwarzenegger's Little Hoover Sentencing Reform Commission and Gender Responsive Strategies Commission.

Shahid Buttar is executive director of the Bill of Rights Defense Committee and its work defending civil liberties and constitutional rights. He received his JD from Stanford Law School in 2003, where he served as executive editor of the Stanford Environmental Law Journal and teaching assistant for Constitutional Law. In addition to his work as a civil rights lawyer, community organizer, and independent columnist, Buttar is also an independent columnist and hip-hop and electronica MC.

Anneke Campbell has had a number of careers – midwife, college teacher, and writer of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, journalism and documentaries. She is a long time activist in the causes of environment and social justice, both as a writer and video maker. As a grateful member of Alanon as well as a critic of 12 step theocracy, she is conducting doctoral studies in the area of recovery at the California Institute for Integral Studies.

Rielle Capler is a researcher and policy advisor. She helped pioneer Canada's first compassion club and is a co-founder of the Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries, which was established this year. Rielle is a co-founder of Canadians for Safe Access, and sits on the scientific advisory board of ASA, the advisory board of CSSDP, and the drug policy committee of the BCCLA. Her chapter, "Canadian Compassion Clubs," was recently published in *The Pot Book*.

Daniel Carrillo works as a Field Organizer for Enlace, a bi-national network of low wage worker organizations. Daniel began organizing in his community against Proposition 187 and attacks on immigrant communities in the 1990's. Since then he has worked on immigration, education, health care, gender & sexuality, worker rights, prison abolition, and environmental racism. His work and accomplishments are dedicated to the memory of his cousins, Rogelio Jr. and Pierre Barrera.

Katharine Celentano's experience as a client of a residential psychiatric treatment facility motivates her work towards a world where illness is not treated with handcuffs. A neuroscience and economics student, Celentano is also president of Columbia University Students for Sensible Drug Policy. Recipient of the 2011 SSDP Outstanding Student Activist Award, she is engaged in changing policy and promoting understanding locally and nationally. Previously, she worked as College Coordinator at Law Enforcement Against Prohibition.

Timothy Christie is the Regional Director of Ethics Services for Horizon Health Network in New Brunswick and Adjunct Professor at Dalhousie University. He served as the ethics consultant for the Supervised Injection Site and Heroin Prescription Trials in Canada. He is a philosopher and epidemiologist specializing in medical ethics. Dr. Christie's research interests include Ethics in Public Policy and Evidence Based Medicine. He has recently published in the *International Journal of Drug Policy*.

Luciano Colonna has been working in public health and policy for 17 years. A major focus of his work is in the area of amphetamine type stimulants. He is currently working on projects in Cambodia, Poland, Ukraine and the U.K.. Colonna organized and implemented the 2005 and 2007 U.S. National Conferences on Methamphetamine, HIV and Hepatitis and the 2008 Global Conference on Methamphetamine in Prague, Czech Republic. He is currently organizing the 2012 Global Conference on Amphetamine Type Stimulants.

Mark Cooke is a Policy Advocate with the ACLU of Washington. He has a law degree and a master's in social work from Washington University in St. Louis. He previously worked at the Missouri Institute of Mental Health researching methamphetamine laws and needle exchange programs. Cooke has also practiced family law in Seattle, WA, worked in the foster care system in San Diego, CA, and was a Court Appointed Special Advocate in Atlanta, GA.

Raúl Alejandro Corda received a law degree from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) in 1998. He is now a teacher and researcher at the UBA. Since 1993, he has worked in the national judiciary, and has been the Secretary of Justice in the Federal Criminal Jurisdiction since 2001. Corda is a member of *Intercambios Asociación Civil*, an NGO that works on drug policy issues. He participates in a research team with WOLA, TNI and other NGOs on drug laws and rights in Latin America and most recently published a report for Intercambios and the Social Sciences Faculty of the University of Buenos

Aires, *Encarcelamientos por delitos relacionados con estupefacientes en Argentina* (Incarceration for Drug-Related Crimes in Argentina).

Carissa Cornwell is a board member and National Outreach Director of DanceSafe, the United States' only harm reduction group providing services to the electronic dance music community. In 1999 she started a DanceSafe chapter in Madison, Wisconsin, which expanded into Midwest DanceSafe, the organization's most active chapter. In her current role, Cornwell is responsible for overseeing all DanceSafe's volunteers and chapters, and develops training curriculum and outreach strategies.

Catalina Pérez Correa received her Law Degree from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), her master's degree (JSM) from the Stanford Programme in International Legal Studies (SPILS) at the Stanford University Law School in California and her doctorate (JSD) also from the Stanford University Law School. During her doctorate she studied Mexican criminal procedure from an empirical and interdisciplinary perspective, focusing primarily on the study of criminal prosecution and investigation practices. She currently works at the *Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas* at UNAM, in Mexico City. Her research focuses on the study of legal procedures and practices from sociological and anthropological perspectives, specializing in the functioning of the criminal justice system.

andré douglas pond cummings is a Professor of Law at the West Virginia University College of Law, where he teaches Business Organizations, Securities Regulation, Civil Procedure, Sports Law, and Entertainment Law. cummings has written extensively on issues regarding investor protection, racial justice, and affirmative action. cummings recently released the book, *Reversing Field: Examining Commercialization, Labor, Gender, and Race in 21st Century Sports Law* (with Anne Marie Lofaso). cummings has been recognized as Professor of the Year on three occasions since 2005, including the University Distinguished Professor Award by the West Virginia University Foundation.

Tom Daubert has been a political and communications strategist in Montana for the last 36 years. He helped manage the 2004 initiative campaign to legalize medical marijuana, oversaw a successful lowest-priority law enforcement campaign in Missoula County, and founded Patients & Families United in 2006. Having been involved in a legal production/dispensing operation that was raided last March by federal agencies, he has been told he will soon be indicted on charges that carry a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Jag Davies is the publications manager for the Drug Policy Alliance, where he directs the content and production of the organization's reports, printed materials, and organizational literature. Davies previously served as policy researcher for the ACLU Drug Law Reform Project. He also previously served as director of communications for MAPS, a nonprofit pharmaceutical company conducting FDA clinical trials aimed at developing psychedelics and marijuana into prescription medicines. Davies grew up in Miami and is a graduate of New College of Florida.

Lanette Davies is the director of Crusaders for Patients Rights and corporate director of Canna Care Inc., a nonprofit collective in Sacramento. She provides court support, community relations, state and local lobbying, and public meetings at Crusaders Hall to educate the public and professionals. Crusaders for Patients is active at the State Capitol representing patients and the medical industry, helping create new bills and openly supporting or opposing bills that affect patients.

Corey Davis is Staff Attorney at the Public Health Law Network. He formerly ran a harm reduction legal clinic in Philadelphia but now spends his days suing bad guys and trying to bring evidence-based public health strategies to the legal and criminal justice worlds.

About the Presenters

Troy Dayton is CEO of the ArcView Group, which specializes in business development for ancillary businesses in the medical cannabis industry. He also co-founded SSDP in 1998 and later created the first sales programs for Renewable Choice Energy (recently named the #1 green power provider by the EPA). At the Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative Troy made national headlines by organizing Nevada religious leaders to support a legalization initiative. He was the promotional director for the Flex Your Rights film, *BUSTED*, now seen by millions.

Steve DeAngelo has spent almost four decades as a cannabis activist and entrepreneur. For the past five years, he has served as Executive Director of Harborside Health Center, the world's largest legal retailer of cannabis. His creation of a model medical cannabis dispensary and lifelong cannabis activism coupled with his extensive knowledge in this arena has made him one of the most respected speakers in the cannabis and hemp industries.

Dr. Patt Denning, Director of Clinical Services and Training at the Harm Reduction Therapy Center in San Francisco, has been a therapist for over 35 years. She is a Diplomate-Fellow in psychopharmacology and a certified addiction specialist. She has written several articles, as well as a book for the general public (*Over the Influence: The Harm Reduction Guide for Managing Drugs and Alcohol*).

Becky Dennison is the Co-Director of the Los Angeles Community Action Network, a grassroots organization working to ensure that human rights are protected and strengthened in Los Angeles, particularly the interconnected rights to housing, health and security. For the past 15 years, she has been working alongside low-income and homeless leaders to promote social justice through community organizing, civic participation, and public policy development.

Craig DeRoche is a resident of Novi, Michigan. He is married and has three daughters ages 10, 8 and 4. He served on the Novi city council and in the state legislature. He was elected speaker of

the House in Michigan in 2004 at age 34, making him the youngest House speaker in Michigan's history. DeRoche left office in 2008 because of term limits. He speaks publicly about his own recovery from alcohol addiction and volunteers with several organizations that help others deal with their addictions.

Rick Doblin founded the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS) in 1986 and has directed it since then. He received his PhD in Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, where his dissertation covered "The Regulation of the Medical Use of Psychedelics and Marijuana." His professional goals are to develop legal contexts for the beneficial uses of psychedelics and marijuana, primarily as prescription medicines but also for personal growth for otherwise "healthy" people, and to become a legally licensed psychedelic therapist.

Margaret Dooley-Sammuli is deputy state director in Southern California for the Drug Policy Alliance. Since 2005, Dooley-Sammuli has coordinated the organization's work around Proposition 36, California's landmark treatment-instead-of-incarceration law, and promoted the economic benefits of prevention and treatment. In 2008, Dooley-Sammuli was Deputy Campaign Manager for Yes on Proposition 5, a ballot initiative that would have significantly expanded access to treatment in the community and behind bars, and safely reduced state prison spending by \$1 billion per year. In 2009, Dooley-Sammuli spearheaded the successful effort to direct \$100 million in federal stimulus funds to community-based drug treatment, probation and re-entry courts – an investment that will reduce state costs by hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars.

Don Duncan has served on the Board of Directors of Americans for Safe Access (ASA) since he co-founded it in 2002. As California Director, he is coordinating the grassroots campaign to fully implement the state's medical cannabis laws and build a broader and more powerful coalition for medical cannabis in California. He is a leading consultant in the field of medical cannabis and helps new collective operators understand the legal nature of their organizations and lay out strategies for compliance.

DeDe Dunevant is managing director of communications for the Drug Policy Alliance, based in New York. Her communications career spans more than fifteen years and includes experience in the fields of education, international volunteerism and global public health. Previously Dunevant served as marketing director for the Peace Corps and was a program manager for Population Services International where she oversaw social marketing and harm reduction programs in West and Central Africa.

Eddie Einbinder was born and raised in NYC. He began researching safer drug use while studying psychology at Lehigh University, and he grew more formally involved in drug policy after his first book, *How To Have Fun And Not Die*, won a few awards in 2008. Since then he has lived among and observed students throughout North America while writing, rapping, giving over 70 lectures on overdose prevention tactics, and filming his drug education documentary, *Play Safe Vol. 1*.

Jodie Evans has been a peace, environmental, women's rights and social justice activist and fundraiser for 40 years. She has traveled extensively to war zones, including Afghanistan, Gaza and Iraq, promoting and learning about peaceful resolution to conflict. She served in the first administration of Governor Jerry Brown and ran his presidential campaigns. She has published two books, *Stop the Next War Now* and *Twilight of Empire*, and has produced several documentary films, including the Oscar- and Emmy-nominated *The Most Dangerous Man in America* and Howard Zinn's *The People Speak*. Jodie co-founded CODEPINK: Women for Peace, is the board chair of Women's Media Center and sits on many other boards, including the Drug Policy Alliance, the Hereditary Disease Foundation, Rainforest Action Network, Institute for Policy Studies, and Sisterhood is Global Institute. She is in the leadership of two funding communities, Threshold Foundation and Women Moving Millions. She is the mother of three.

James Fadiman has been researching and reporting on psychedelic experience and transpersonal psychology for more than four decades. He has taught at San Francisco State, Brandeis, Stanford, and was the co-founder of the Institute for Transpersonal Psychology, where he still teaches. His latest book is *The Psychedelic Explorer's Guide: Safe, Therapeutic, and Sacred Journeys*. He is currently researching the extent, variety, and value of current widespread, unregulated, and still increasing psychedelic use.

Richard Feldman is a graduate of Vermont Law School (1982) and a former Reagan White House appointee. In 1984 he was named the NRA's regional political/legislative director. In 1991 the firearm industry trade association hired him as their Executive Director, where he negotiated the child safety lock deal with President Bill Clinton. His recent book, *Confessions of a Gun Lobbyist* details the broad based cultural warfare the gun lobby engaged in to become the "third rail of American politics" that it is today. Currently Feldman advises candidates, associations and businesses leaders on handling publicity to maximize their message and advance their agenda.

Gwendolyn Fields is the executive director of the Criminal Justice Reform Advocacy Council, former chief of staff for Oklahoma State Senator Constance Johnson, and is currently continuing her advocacy on legislation that eliminates Life Without Parole as a punishment for drug offenses; prohibits use of three-strikes type enhancers in nonviolent and drug offenses; and remedies disparity in sentencing. Her passion for reform was ignited 15 years ago after being sentenced to 69 years in prison for a property crime.

Steve Fox is the director of government relations at the Marijuana Policy Project, where he coordinates the organization's ballot initiative work and its federal lobbying. He also serves as the director of public affairs for the National Cannabis Industry Association. Fox co-founded Safer Alternative for Enjoyable Recreation (SAFER) in 2004 and is the co-author of *Marijuana is Safer: So why are we driving people to drink?* He is a graduate of Boston College Law School.

Major Neill Franklin, a 34-year law enforcement veteran, retired from the Maryland State Police in 1999 where he rose through the ranks from undercover narcotics agent to commander of the Bureau of Drug and Criminal Enforcement. Major Franklin also held command positions with the Baltimore Police Department and the Maryland Transit Police Force. On July 13, 2010, he resigned from the law enforcement profession to become the executive director for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP).

Dave Fratello is a political strategist who is a veteran of two dozen ballot measure campaigns across the country. Many campaigns were for drug reform issues, starting with California's medical marijuana law, Proposition 215 in 1996, and several multistate campaigns for medical marijuana, drug treatment/not jail and asset forfeiture reform in 1998 and 2000. After founding Coast Campaign Group, Dave has remained active in progressive politics and drug policy reform to this day.

Kassandra Frederique is policy associate, New York for the Drug Policy Alliance. Prior to joining DPA, Frederique completed a year-long internship with DPA's State Organizing and Policy Project, served as a social worker in New York City schools and organized workers in Chicago and New Orleans. Frederique earned her master's degree in Social Work at Columbia University. Her passion for challenging social oppression and inequalities led her to work on ending the drug war.

Jan Frel is a former editor for AlterNet, based in San Francisco, CA. Working with dozens of freelance authors and experts from across the U.S. he has covered drug reform and incarceration issues for over five years, on issues ranging from psychedelic research to mandatory minimums to the explosion of medical marijuana.

Marisa Garcia began working in drug policy reform in 2000, shortly after being denied financial aid for college due to a minor marijuana offense. In the time since then, she has collaborated with numerous drug policy reform organizations, including Students for Sensible Drug Policy, the Marijuana Policy Project and the Drug

Policy Alliance. Garcia continues to do advocacy work and currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Flex Your Rights Foundation.

John Gibler is a journalist and the author of *To Die in Mexico*. John has worked extensively covering human rights and the drug war in Mexico. He presents in his new book a damning portrayal of the effects of that country's corrupt and misconstrued drug policy. He tells the stories of the people who are living and dying in the streets of Mexico as a result of the world's most violent drug war.

Dale Gieringer has been the state director of California NORML since 1987. He was one of the original co-authors of Proposition 215, California's medical marijuana initiative, the proponent of Oakland's Measure Z cannabis initiative, a sponsor of AB 390, California's path-breaking legalization bill, and a consultant on numerous other cannabis reform campaigns. He has published research on the economic benefits of legalization, medical marijuana usage, potency testing, driving safety, and drug urinalysis. Gieringer is the author of *The Marijuana Medical Handbook*.

Ira Glasser is president of the DPA Board and former executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). In 1967 he joined the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU) and was appointed NYCLU Executive Director in 1970, a post he held until 1978, when he was selected as national Executive Director of the NYCLU's parent group, the American Civil Liberties Union. He served in that capacity for 23 years until his retirement in mid-2001.

David Glowka is the manager of foundation relations at the Drug Policy Alliance, where he has helped raise millions of dollars in grant funding for drug policy reform since 2003. He has more than 10 years of experience in securing grants from local and national foundations, corporations, and state and federal government agencies for a range of advocacy and service programs.

About the Presenters

Debby Goldsberry is a 25-year pioneer of the cannabis industry. She currently directs the United Cannabis Collective, a California dispensary dedicated to ending cannabis prohibition. Goldsberry also co-founded the Berkeley Patients Group collective and several other non-profit organizations, including Americans for Safe Access, Medical Cannabis Safety Council, and Cannabis Action Network. Goldsberry was awarded NORML's Paula Sabine Award for Woman in Leadership, and is the HIGH TIMES Freedom Fighter of the Year for 2011.

Neal M. Goldsmith is a psychotherapist with a doctorate in public affairs psychology from Claremont Graduate University, in the "action science" tradition of Kurt Lewin. Trained in humanistic, transpersonal, and eastern traditions, Dr. Goldsmith maintains a (non-psychedelic) psychotherapy practice in New York and Sag Harbor, NY and may be reached via his website: www.nealgoldsmith.com/psychedelics.

Evan Goldstein is policy coordinator, New York for the Drug Policy Alliance. He focuses on campaigns to expand a health and public safety approach to drug policy in New York State by collaborating with grassroots organizations, advocates, researchers, and other community stakeholders. Evan graduated magna cum laude from New York University with a BA in urban studies. He has also worked for the Legal Aid Society in New York where he aided lawyers in indigent criminal defense.

Antonio Gonzalez is President of the William C. Velasquez Institute, a leading national Latino public policy and research organization. Gonzalez is an expert on Latino voter mobilization. As such, he assumed the presidency of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, a non-partisan voter mobilization entity, also in 1994. Through Gonzalez's leadership, WCVI has become the industry leader in Latino voting tendencies and characteristics through its national phone and exit-polling program.

Charles S. Grob is Director of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, and Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at the UCLA School of Medicine. He conducted the first government approved psychobiological research study of MDMA, and was the principal investigator of an international research project in the Brazilian Amazon studying ayahuasca. He recently completed an investigation on the safety and efficacy of psilocybin treatment in advanced-cancer patients with anxiety.

Diego Grooscors is currently a law student at the La Salle University in San José, Costa Rica and a full time activist working on social and ecological issues. He has participated in a variety of important social movements in Costa Rica, including the university movement which in 2000 opposed the *Combo del ICE* – a legal reform of the country's electricity and telecommunications industry that spurred the largest social protests in fifty years. A native of Venezuela, Grooscors is a member of the Latin American Cannabis Coalition and co-founder of the *Alianza por una nueva política de drogas en Costa Rica*, a civic organization promoting drug policy reform in Costa Rica, as well as co-founder of the *Asociación Cultura Cannabica Costarricense*, or the Association for Cannabis Culture in Costa Rica.

Stephen Gutwillig is California state director of the Drug Policy Alliance. He oversees DPA's statewide legislative agenda, "model city" initiative in San Francisco, and other projects across California. Based in Los Angeles, Gutwillig primarily focuses on marijuana reform, including advocacy on behalf of Proposition 19 last year. He supervised the production of several reports documenting racially disparate enforcement of marijuana possession laws throughout the state.

Don Habibi is Professor of Philosophy at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, where he specializes in ethics, social philosophy, and legal theory. He earned his bachelor's degree from UCLA and his doctorate from Cornell University. His research publications focus on liberalism, utilitarianism, human rights and international law. He is the recipient of three teaching awards at UNCW.

Chino Hardin was born and raised in East Flatbush, Brooklyn and has worked in the field of youth leadership development and gang prevention/intervention for seven years. Chino is committed to developing and elevating leadership and civic engagement in youth and communities that are hardest hit by crime, violence and incarceration. Chino has appeared in numerous renowned publications and media outlets, such as the *Village Voice*, *City Limits*, *The Ave Magazine*, BET, and the *Caribbean Life*.

Jill Harris is acting deputy director for the Drug Policy Alliance. In that capacity she helps oversee the day-to-day operations of DPA, and manages external relationships with national and state-based allies. Previously she served as Managing Director of Public Policy at DPA, overseeing the efforts of DPA's program offices around the country. Before joining DPA, Harris worked as a political campaign manager and was the early vote director for Barack Obama's campaign in Ohio. She also spent 13 years as a public defender with the Legal Aid Society in New York City, including two years as the attorney in charge of the Manhattan Criminal Defense Division, the country's largest public defender office. Harris is originally from Eugene, Oregon, and graduated from Harvard University and the New York University School of Law.

John Harrison has had life experiences – as a mountaineer, massage therapist at Esalen Institute, federal fugitive (followed by a stint as a guest of our Bureau of Prisons), methadone counselor, political advocate for a fair and just drug policy, psychologist, and addiction treatment researcher (primarily evaluating ibogaine), among many other incarnations. John is also a connoisseur of breathtaking sunsets.

Carl Hart is currently an Associate Professor of Psychology in both the Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry at Columbia University. He also serves as a Research Scientist at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. His NIDA-supported research uses human laboratory models to better understand the complex interactions between drugs of abuse and the neurobiology and environmental factors that mediate human responses. One

specific focus of his research is to use laboratory models of human drug use in order to develop medications to treat cocaine, methamphetamine, and marijuana dependence. Hart also serves on the board of directors of the Drug Policy Alliance.

LaResse Harvey is a formerly incarcerated single mother who is the Policy Director of A Better Way Foundation, a Connecticut-based nonprofit organization that works to establish reentry policies, substance abuse treatment, and an overall public health model towards ending the war on drugs. As the Executive Director of Civic Trust Public Lobbying Company in Connecticut, she works to support community legislative priorities by providing lobbying services for anyone. Harvey is the Criminal Justice Committee chair of New Britain NAACP chapter.

Tom Heddleston is earning his PhD. in sociology at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Currently, he's researching and writing about the medical cannabis movement in California for his dissertation. He studies drug policy, social movements and drug subcultures. Tom recently co-authored an article about medical cannabis patients that appeared in the *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*. He has worked with organizations in Florida and California to challenge drug prohibition since 2002.

Alison Holcomb, ACLU of Washington Drug Policy Director, is currently on loan to the New Approach Washington initiative campaign to legalize, tax, and regulate marijuana in 2012. ACLU-WA staff have played central roles in the passage and implementation of Seattle's lowest law enforcement priority initiative, Washington's 911 Good Samaritan overdose prevention law, and medical marijuana legislation in 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2011. Before joining the ACLU, Alison litigated in state and federal courts for more than a decade.

Pete Holmes was elected Seattle City Attorney in 2009, ousting a two-term incumbent with nearly 64percent of the vote. As City Attorney, Holmes heads an office of more than 90 lawyers, prosecuting misdemeanors and advising and representing the City of

Seattle on everything from labor and employment issues to utility regulations and environmental law. Holmes supports legalizing, regulating and taxing marijuana—essentially, treating it like we now treat alcohol—because it will improve public safety and respect for law enforcement.

Allen Hopper, Police Practices Policy Director of the ACLU of Northern California, works to reduce over-incarceration and over-reliance upon the criminal justice system to address public health issues, such as problems arising from illegal drug use. Specific areas of focus include drug law enforcement and sentencing, medical marijuana implementation issues and broader marijuana law reform, and evidence-based alternatives to incarceration. Previously, Hopper was the Litigation Director for the National ACLU's Drug Law Reform Project.

Aaron Houston, Executive Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, leads a movement of student activists with a presence on more than 200 campuses around the world. Named a "Rising Star of Politics" by *Campaigns & Elections Magazine* in 2008, Aaron is a nationally recognized expert on drug policy and marijuana law. Aaron has appeared on NBC's *Today* show, *The Colbert Report*, FOX News, CNN, and NPR, and his efforts on Capitol Hill were chronicled in a *Showtime* original documentary, *In Pot We Trust*.

Marilyn Howell was trained as a biologist and earned a doctorate in education from Harvard University. She taught for three decades at Brookline High School where she created and developed the first mind body course in public education. Her book *Honor Thy Daughter*, the intimate story of a family's search for hope and healing in the face of terminal cancer, highlights the profound difference psychedelic therapy made at the end of her daughter's life.

Alice A. Huffman began her tenure as President of the California NAACP in January 2000. She believes that the NAACP is the constant voice for low income African Americans and students trapped in low performing schools or the criminal justice system. She is a member of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP. Huffman is also President and

CEO of A.C. Public Affairs, a consulting firm specializing in initiative campaigns, strategic public policy issues and grass roots organizing.

Caitlin Hughes is a criminologist and research fellow at the Australian National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, where since 2007 she has worked as part of the multi-disciplinary Drug Policy Modeling Program (DPMP) on issues confronting Australian and international drug policy. Key research areas have included: the impacts of the Portuguese decriminalization of illicit drug use, determining legal thresholds for drug trafficking offenses, and identifying optimal policing responses for responding to MDMA (ecstasy).

Adi Jaffe, the founder of the website All About Addiction, has experience on both sides of addiction. Following his own involvement with drug abuse and a life of crime, Dr. Jaffe returned to graduate school at UCLA to study the neuroscience and psychology of substance abuse and addiction. Dr. Jaffe has established himself as a leading addiction expert with numerous academic publications, presentations, and recent interviews on national news shows.

Mack Jenkins has worked in the criminal justice field for more than 32 years and is currently the Chief Probation Officer in San Diego County. During his career, Chief Jenkins worked as a criminal justice consultant and has worked extensively in the area of drug courts and collaborative justice programs. He holds a bachelors degree in criminal justice from the University of California at Irvine and a Masters in criminal justice from California State University at Long Beach.

Stefanie Jones is event manager at the Drug Policy Alliance. She received her master's degree from the Gallatin School at New York University, where she wrote her thesis on participant attitudes toward dance and drug use in New York City's megclubs. Before moving to New York City she was a promoter for a weekly dance music club night in Los Angeles and earned her undergraduate degree in screenwriting from the School of Cinematic Arts at the University of Southern California.

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Howard Josepher is the founder and president of Exponents, a minority-led, community-based organization in New York City helping people with drug problems, HIV/AIDS and reentry to the community after incarceration. Josepher has extensive experience developing and implementing peer driven, therapeutic health and wellness programs utilizing harm reduction practices. His programs have been noted for their ability to draw participants through attraction rather than coercion and have helped bring thousands into recovery.

Chantale Kallas is from Lebanon, where she is the Network Development Coordinator for Youth RISE. She has a Masters in Public Health with a concentration in Health Behavior and Education. Chantale has been involved in working with youth since her early adolescent years working with at-risk youth. For the last four years, she has been working for a Lebanese non-governmental organization that focuses on drug prevention and rehabilitation.

Tamara Kalnins has been working with Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy since 2008, questioning the war on drugs and its effects on young people. She coordinated the creation of a drug education website, made by and for youth who want full access to honest drug information on their own terms. She believes young people are an integral force in ending the criminalization of substance use and shaping a future beyond prohibition.

Emily Kaltenbach is the state director for the Drug Policy Alliance's New Mexico office. She joined the organization following 15 years working in New Mexico implementing rural community-based health centers, helping reform the long-term care system, and most recently, setting the stage to implement federal health care reform in the state. Prior to joining DPA, she served as the director of Policy and Planning at the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department and served as the acting director for New Mexico's Office of Health Care Reform.

Rob Kambia co-founded MPP in 1995 and serves as its executive director. Kambia co-authored many of the 16 state medical marijuana laws, with MPP taking a leading role in passing the laws in Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Rob also oversaw the campaign that decriminalized marijuana possession in Massachusetts. Rob was high school valedictorian, served three months in jail for marijuana, and was elected student-body president at Penn State.

Michael Kennedy has his own law firm where he specializes in criminal and civil litigation and complex negotiations. Kennedy's specialty is jury trial work with emphasis on constitutional defenses, including human and civil rights, in the First and Fourth Amendment areas. He is considered one of the nation's leading authorities on search and seizure law and the emerging area of privacy rights. He has served as General Counsel for *High Times* magazine and related companies since it began in 1974.

Kris Krane serves as a Principal and Managing Partner at 4Front Advisors, the nation's premier medical marijuana dispensary consulting firm. Prior to forming 4Front, Krane served as Director of Client Services for CannBe, where he helped develop many of the best practices that have become the backbone of 4Front Advisors' operations. He served as associate director of NORML from 2000-2005 and executive director of Students for Sensible Drug Policy from 2006-2009.

Olena Kucheruk is the Harm Reduction Program Manager at the Soros Foundation in Ukraine and contributed to launching the first harm reduction services in Ukraine. Since 2004, she has been actively engaged in such areas as community mobilization, protection of human rights, drug policy and work with law enforcement. Her current interests are focused on decriminalization of drug possession in Ukraine and opioid substitution therapy in pre-trial detention and prisons.

Celinda Lake, President of Lake Research Partners, is a prominent pollster and political strategist for Democrats and progressives. Lake's polling and strategic advice helped

candidates such as Jon Tester, Tim Walz, and Governor Bob Wise defeat incumbent Republicans. She has focused on women candidates and women's concerns, having worked for Speaker Pelosi, Governor Janet Napolitano, and Senator Debbie Stabenow. Lake was a key player in campaigns launched by progressive groups such as the AFL-CIO, Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood, HRC and EMILY'S List.

Nsombi Ayanna Lambright has been the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Mississippi for seven years. The Mississippi ACLU is the state's leading civil liberties organization working on public education, legislative activity, and litigation. The ACLU's criminal justice reform project seeks to reduce the over incarceration of people of color by challenging racial profiling, harsh sentences and the lack of effective re-entry services.

Benedict Lee has been employed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for over 10 years, and currently serves as the Chief of the Research and Epidemiology Division at Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC). Recently, Dr. Lee was a key member of the Los Angeles County "Rave" Task Force. Dr. Lee obtained his doctorate from Florida State University in Educational Psychology, specializing in Sport & Exercise Psychology.

Harry Levine, sociology professor at Queens College and City University of New York, has studied the history and sociology of drug use, abuse, and policy for more than 25 years. He is co-author of *Crack in America: Demon Drugs and Societal Justice* and *Marijuana Arrest Crusade: Racial Bias and Police Policy in New York City*. His current work focuses on misdemeanor policing and the racism of marijuana arrests in New York and other U.S. cities.

David C. Lewis is a Professor Emeritus of Community Health and Medicine and the Donald G. Millar Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Alcohol and Addiction Studies at Brown University. Dr. Lewis is a graduate of Brown University and Harvard Medical School. Dr. Lewis is the author of over 400 publications, and has an international reputation for his work on substance abuse treatment, medical education and public policy. He is a longtime DPA board member.

Ted Lewis, Director of the Mexico and Human Rights Programs of Global Exchange, works with Mexican civil organizations at the forefront of Mexico's movement against the war brought on by the deadly mixture of drug prohibition and bad government. Lewis has organized in partnership with Mexico's human rights, democracy, and peace movements since the early 1990s. During this time he has led or participated in dozens of elections observation, human rights, and peace missions throughout Mexico, Colombia, Nicaragua, Iraq, Palestine, the USA and elsewhere.

Jeannie Little is the Executive Director of the Harm Reduction Therapy Center. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Certified Group Psychotherapist. She specializes in dual diagnosis and in individual and group treatment of substance use problems. She trains in these areas, and provides ongoing consultation to staff groups in outpatient clinics, outreach and drop-in centers, case management programs, and housing facilities for multi-diagnosed clients. She has written several articles and co-authored two books with Patt Denning.

Tim Lynch is the director of the Cato Institute's Project on Criminal Justice. He is the editor of *In the Name of Justice: Leading Experts Reexamine the Classic Article "The Aims of the Criminal Law"* and *After Prohibition: An Adult Approach to Drug Policies in the 21st Century*. He has published articles in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. His research interests include drug policy, overcriminalization, and civil liberties. Lynch is a member of the Wisconsin, District of Columbia, and Supreme Court bars.

Jerry Madden was elected to the Texas Legislature in 1992. Now in his tenth term, Madden is Chairman of the House Committee on Corrections, which he chaired from 2005-2009, as well as a member of the Select Committee on Election Contest, the Redistricting Committee, and the Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee. He has been commended for the highly successful 2007 criminal justice system reforms

which sought to divert individuals from prison through mental health and substance abuse treatment programs, provide more opportunities in prison for rehabilitation, and properly utilize probation and parole mechanisms to avoid greater costs if new prisons were built.

Robert Manderscheid is the Executive Director of the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors. Dr. Manderscheid served in positions at the National Institute of Mental Health and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. He is known nationally and internationally for his research on serious mental illness, and his work on health reform, particularly for the Whole Health Campaign, which represents the mental health and substance use care and prevention communities.

Jahan Marcu is currently investigating the pharmacology of cannabinoid receptors at Temple University School of Medicine. Before joining a PhD program, he worked at the California Pacific Medical Center Research Institute studying the anti-cancer properties of compounds from the cannabis plant. The findings were published in the *Journal of Molecular Cancer Therapeutics*. He currently co-chairs the ASA Multidisciplinary Scientific Advisory Board. He has lectured on the subject of cannabinoids at Universities, medical cannabis cooperatives, and libraries.

Lou Martinez has been involved with California's treatment-instead-of-incarceration law (Proposition 36) for seven years as an alumni, advocate and direct service provider. He graduated from Proposition 36 in 2004, and then worked as a Proposition 36 counselor for five years. He has served on local and state policy groups supporting treatment-instead-of-incarceration and funding for co-occurring disorders treatment. He has a Masters Degree in Social Work and is a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor.

Gabor Maté is a Canadian physician, public speaker and author, published internationally in twenty languages. His most recent book is the award-winning bestseller, *In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters with*

Addiction. For twelve years Maté worked in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside with patients challenged by hardcore drug addiction, mental illness and HIV, including at Insite, North America's only Supervised Injection Site. His other interests encompass childhood developmental issues, mind/body health, and parenting.

Zulma Mendez is the director of Pacto Por la Cultura. Mendez is a respected teacher and NGO leader from El Paso/Juarez, who speaks eloquently about the poor communities of Juarez that are being ravaged by the drug war.

Hans Meyer has a private law practice specializing in immigration law, criminal defense, and advisements regarding the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. He also serves as the Public Policy Director for the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition and is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the National Immigration Project, the National Lawyers Guild, the ACLU of Colorado, and the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar.

Sean McAllister is an attorney in Denver, Colorado. He is the co-founder and Chair of the Board of Directors of Sensible Colorado. McAllister serves on his state's Sentencing Commission on the Drug Policy Task Force. He was co-chair of the DUID-marijuana working group that recently rejected proposals for *per se* THC limits. McAllister helped draft Colorado's 2012 legalization initiative. His practice is focused on criminal defense, DUI, and all aspects of medical marijuana dispensary representation.

Dani McClain manages campaigns at ColorOfChange.org, the nation's largest African-American online political organization. As a strategist for this community of 750,000 people, McClain leads email- and social media-driven campaigns that aim to strengthen black America's political voice. She played a key role in ColorOfChange.org's efforts to eliminate the sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine offenses. McClain has reported for the *Miami Herald* and covered education while on staff at the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

About the Presenters

Tommy McDonald is deputy director of media relations for the Drug Policy Alliance. After an eight-year journalism career, as a sports writer at the *Nashville Banner*, a community news reporter at the *Sacramento Bee* and a local sports editor for ANG Newspapers, McDonald's PR career began in 1998 at Communication Works, which merged with Fenton Communications, the nation's largest public interest PR firm.

Ralph Metzner collaborated with Timothy Leary and Richard Alpert in studies of psychedelics at Harvard in the 1960s, and co-authored *The Psychedelic Experience*. He is a psychotherapist and Professor Emeritus at the California Institute of Integral Studies. His books include *The Expansion of Consciousness*, *Mind Space and Time Stream* and *Birth of a Psychedelic Culture* (with Ram Dass). He is the founder of the Green Earth Foundation.

Kyndra S. Miller is part of the Pier 5 group of lawyers in San Francisco, providing business, corporate and civil litigation services to medical marijuana patients in CA. She is dedicating her time, energy and spiritual resources to educating the public about the dangers of prohibition and the benefits of marijuana and industrial hemp. Miller is the West Coast coordinator of the NORML Women's Alliance.

William C. Moyers, Hazelden's Vice President for Public Affairs and Community, leads the organization's policy and advocacy activities. Moyers brings a wealth of professional expertise and an intimate personal understanding about addiction, treatment and recovery. He uses his own experiences to highlight the power of addiction and the power of recovery. He is the author of *Broken: My Story of Addiction and Redemption*, a bestselling memoir that is now in its fourth printing.

George Mull is president of the California Cannabis Association, a trade group dedicated to advancing reasonable and comprehensive statewide regulation of medical cannabis. Mull has been an attorney

for 24 years with an emphasis on federal constitutional litigation. He began his legal career at the firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, and was Associate General Counsel and Director of Public Affairs for the Tejon Ranch Company. He has been involved in drug policy issues for over 15 years.

Jumana Musa, a human rights attorney and activist, is currently Deputy Director for the Rights Working Group. Formerly, she served as the Advocacy Director for Domestic Human Rights and International Justice at Amnesty International USA. Musa was one of the first human rights attorneys allowed to travel to the naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and served as Amnesty International's legal observer at military commission proceedings on the base.

Ethan Nadelmann is the founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance. Nadelmann was born in New York City and received his BA, JD, and PhD from Harvard, and a master's degree in international relations from the London School of Economics. He then taught politics and public affairs at Princeton University from 1987 to 1994, where his speaking and writings on drug policy attracted international attention. In 1994, Nadelmann founded the Lindesmith Center. In 2000, the growing Center merged with the Drug Policy Foundation to form the Drug Policy Alliance. Described by *Rolling Stone* as "the point man" for drug policy reform efforts, Nadelmann is widely regarded as the most prominent proponent of drug policy reform.

Theshia Naidoo is a staff attorney with the Drug Policy Alliance's Office of Legal Affairs. She works on litigation, legislative drafting and public education efforts concerning drug policy reform, including California's Proposition 36, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000. She provides legal advice, counsel and training on drug policy, including securing access to medical marijuana and promoting drug treatment instead of incarceration. Naidoo received her JD from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law. Prior to joining the organization, she worked in private legal practice for nearly four years representing clients in employment law

and commercial litigation matters. She left private practice to join the struggle to make drug laws and drug policies more just, more compassionate and more effective at reducing drug use and improving the health, safety and well-being of individuals, their families and communities.

Tony Newman is director of media relations for the Drug Policy Alliance, a position he has held since 2000. Newman has more than 20 years of public relations experience. Before joining the organization, he was the media director for the human rights organization Global Exchange and co-founded the public relations firm Communication Works. Newman received his BA from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Thomas Nicholson is currently a Professor of Public Health at Western Kentucky University. He received a PhD in Community Health Education from Southern Illinois University, an MPH from the University of Texas, and a MA Ed. in Counseling from WKU. He has published over 50 professional journal articles and presented over 115 research presentations at scientific meetings. His research interests include mental health, drug use and misuse, and drug policy. He was formerly on the Board of Directors of the National Association for Public Health Policy and Chair of their Council on Illicit Drugs. He coordinated the DRUGNET Study, an on-line survey of adult drug users, which is the most extensive descriptive study of nonabusive users to date.

Chris Norby represents the 72nd District in the California State Assembly. Prior to his election to the legislature, he served on the Orange County Board of Supervisors for seven years, representing Fullerton, La Habra, Placentia, Buena Park and Anaheim. Norby served on the Fullerton City Council from 1984-2002, including three years as Mayor. A long-time supporter of safe access to medical marijuana, he also introduced legislation in 2011 to reform California's asset forfeiture laws.

Dorsey E. Nunn, Executive Director of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, co-founded All of Us or None. He also co-founded Free at Last, a community based recovery and rehabilitation center. Nunn, a formerly incarcerated person who has won numerous awards and is a key advisor on criminal justice issues in California and around the country, has spoken extensively on prisoners, their children and family members at numerous conferences, workshops, demonstrations and in the media.

Kris Nyrop is Program Director for the Racial Disparity Project at The Defender Association. Formerly the Executive Director of Street Outreach Services in Seattle from 1997-2007, he has also worked as an outreach worker, researcher, and trainer in the area of HIV/AIDS prevention, hepatitis C prevention, syringe exchange, harm reduction and drug policy reform since 1988. He has consulted with projects throughout the U.S. as well as in Canada, Russia and the Republic of Georgia.

Karen O'Keefe is MPP's director of state policies. She manages MPP's state legislative lobbying efforts and revises its model legislation. She played a key role in the successful medical marijuana initiative in Montana and the legislative campaigns that resulted in medical marijuana or dispensary laws in Rhode Island, Maryland (affirmative defense only), Vermont, and Delaware. Gov. Martin O'Malley appointed O'Keefe to Maryland's medical marijuana working group as the attorney with expertise in state medical marijuana laws.

Diego Osorno is a journalist, author, and winner of the 2011 Journalism on Drugs Award. Diego is the author of *El Cártel de Sinaloa: Una Historia del Narcotráfico en México*.

Dr. Eugenia Oviedo-Joekes is an Assistant Professor at the School of Population and Public Health, University of British Columbia. Her research areas are in Public Health and Addictions, focusing on testing alternative approaches to treatments for vulnerable populations. She is a co-investigator of North America's first heroin-assisted treatment trial (NAOMI) and the Principal Investigator of SALOME, a randomized

clinical trial testing treatment assisted with heroin-like medically prescribed injectable opioids for severe, long-term opioid dependency.

JoAnne Page has over 30 years experience in criminal justice, including 21 years as President /CEO of the Fortune Society, one of the nation's foremost advocacy and service organizations offering programs including substance abuse treatment, counseling, family services, HIV/AIDS health services, employment services, and housing for formerly incarcerated persons. Under Page's leadership, the Fortune Academy opened in 2002, housing 62 formerly homeless men and women. In 2009, Fortune broke ground on a green, mixed affordable and supportive housing development with 114 units and service space. A Yale Law School graduate, Page is a frequent speaker at conferences and on such national television programs as *Court TV*, *The News Hour*, and *The O'Reilly Factor*.

Vincent P. Palazzotto is the founder and Executive Director of the Medical Marijuana Assistance Program of America (MMAPA) and the founding partner of Mobile Doctors of America (MDARX). He previously served as a U.S. Army Communications Officer and holds a BA in Psychology from Rutgers University and a MA in Management and Leadership studies from the University of Denver. Palazzotto has contributed and been featured on ABC, CNN, CNBC, *The Huffington Post*, *Forbes*, and *National Geographic*.

Jacqueline Patterson is a drug war refugee who fled Missouri for the safe harbor of coastal California. Never one to back down from a good fight, she remains an active patient advocate in the Midwest, particularly in Iowa and Missouri, where she has spent nearly a decade cultivating relationships with likeminded legislators who are frustrated by the culture of criminality would-be patients face in the absence of access to legitimate medical cannabis.

Jonathan Perri is the Senior Organizer for Criminal Justice at Change.org, the world's largest online activism platform for social change. Jon previously served as the Associate Director at Students

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Dina Perrone's areas of specialization are drug use, drug policy, deviance, and ethnographic or other qualitative research methods. Her new book, *The High Life: Club Kids, Harm, and Drug Policy* from Lynne-Rienner Publishers, dissects the drug user stereotype through understanding patterns of use, drug experiences and mitigating factors of harm. Currently, Dr. Perrone is completing a project addressing the patterns of use and harms of salvia divinorum. She is also a co-principal investigator on another project assessing the effects of Massachusetts' marijuana decriminalization policy. Ultimately, she is interested in investigating drug use to illuminate the nature of drug use patterns and harms, and to inform drug policies. She has also written various articles within the criminal justice field – on topics including the privatization of prisons and self-control theory.

Amanda Petteruti is the associate director of the Justice Policy Institute. She is a researcher and policy analyst. Prior to joining JPI, she organized a writing program for youth at the National Campaign to Stop Violence and researched urban education at the Council of the Great City Schools. Petteruti earned a Master of Arts in education policy and leadership from University of Maryland College Park and a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Bates College.

Mona Polacca, a Hopi/Havasupai/Tewa elder, has a Master of Social Work degree. She is a member of the International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers (www.grandmotherscouncil.org). She serves on several United Nations committees on indigenous people's issues and is a featured author, speaker, and educator on indigenous people's human rights, aging, mental health, addiction and violence. She is also the President/CEO and faculty of the Turtle Island Project, a non-profit program that promotes a vision of wellness by providing trans-cultural training to individuals, families and healthcare professionals.

About the Presenters

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Victor Quintana is a former Congressman from Chihuahua, Mexico. Quintana is one of the most lucid and respected political voices in the Mexican border states. He advocates for a change in Mexican drug policies and is organizing a coordinated response from the region's NGOs and civil society.

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Marsha Rosenbaum is director emerita of the San Francisco office of the Drug Policy Alliance, where she spearheaded DPA's work on youth and drugs and created the *Safety First* booklet. She received her doctorate in medical sociology from the University of California, San Francisco in 1979. From 1977 to 1995, Rosenbaum was the principal investigator on National Institute on Drug Abuse-funded studies of heroin addiction, methadone maintenance treatment, MDMA (Ecstasy), cocaine,

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Lisa Campbell Salazar coordinates the TRIP! Project in Toronto, Canada and is the North America Representative for Youth RISE. She has been a peer educator for over 10 years, working with young people who use drugs from Toronto's diverse dance music communities. As the TRIP! Coordinator, she participates in several municipal panels working toward implementing evidence-based drug policy, including the Toronto Drug Strategy, Safer Nightlife Committee, and Research Group on Drug Use.

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gabriel sayegh directs the New York state policy office of the Drug Policy Alliance. The office brings together community organizing groups, human service agencies, and researchers to advance drug policies which are guided by science, compassion, health and human rights. Prior to joining DPA, sayegh was session staff in the Washington State Senate and worked as a researcher focused on global trade agreements, domestic welfare reform and the U.S. prison system.

Karen Shain has from 2007 to the present served as a mentor in the Criminal Justice Section of the Women's Policy Institute. She is the author of "Incarcerated Mothers: Mothers First and Foremost" which can be found in *The 21st Century Motherhood Movement: Mothers Speak Out on Why We Need to Change the World and How to do It* edited by Andrea Reilly. In 2006 Shain worked with California Assemblywoman Sally Lieber on legislation to abolish shackling of pregnant women in state prisons, county jails and juvenile detention centers during labor and recovery from birth. She is also the co-editor of "Pregnant Women in California Prisons and Jails: A Guide for Prisoners and Legal Advocates".

Steph Sherer is the founder and Executive Director of Americans for Safe Access, where she has become the foremost international leader and expert on medical cannabis patient advocacy. Her vision for keeping patients' needs at the forefront of the medical marijuana debate has brought safe and legal access to millions of Americans. Sherer is a medical cannabis patient with over fourteen years of experience servicing and managing non-profit businesses and community organizations.

Deborah Peterson Small is the Executive Director of Break the Chains, an advocacy organization committed to addressing the disproportionate

impact of punitive drug policies on poor communities of color. Break the Chains was founded in the belief that community activism and advocacy is essential to progressive policy reform, and therefore engages families and community leaders in promoting alternatives to the failed war on drugs by adopting public health approaches to substance abuse and drug-related crimes.

Aaron Smith is co-founder and executive director for the National Cannabis Industry Association (NCIA), the only national trade association for cannabis business professionals. Working on issues ranging from banking access to tax policy reform, NCIA advances and defends the unique interests of the medical cannabis industry in Washington, DC. Prior to launching NCIA, Smith distinguished himself as a passionate and effective marijuana policy reform advocate in California. He now resides in Tempe, Arizona.

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About the Presenters

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Kenneth Tupper recently finished a PhD in the Department of Educational Studies at the University of British Columbia. Tupper's graduate studies focused on the public policy implications of ayahuasca drinking outside the Amazon, and the refinement of a theory of entheogenic education. His other academic interests include drug education (public, professional and school-based), drug policy reform, and public health policy. More information about Kenneth and his work is available at: www.kenttupper.com

Mason Tvert is executive director of SAFER, a member of the Colorado Alliance for Marijuana Reform Executive Committee, and a proponent of the 2012 Colorado legalization initiative. He coordinated successful legalization and lowest law enforcement priority initiatives in Denver in 2005 and 2007, and a statewide legalization initiative in 2006. He is a member of the Denver Marijuana Policy Review Panel and coauthor of *Marijuana is Safer: So why are we driving people to drink?*

Jasmine L. Tyler, deputy director of national affairs for the Drug Policy Alliance, advocates for policies that reduce incarceration and treat people who use drugs with dignity. Her work recently led to historic federal crack cocaine sentencing reform in 2010. The former research director of the Justice Policy Institute and a sentencing advocate in public defender offices in Virginia and Washington, DC, Tyler earned a BS from James Madison University and MA from Brown University, both in sociology.

Froggy Vazquez was raised in a place where funerals replaced birthday cakes, police part of political disease, that harass and kill little kids, real history is a mystery specially with the war on drugs, dehumanize demonize criminalize us so they call us thugs, teach organizing and about political strategy because reality is families see tragedies with most parents in prison or missing, commercial hip hop is controlled from the tip top, people don't know how mass media is in control, to keep people blind in the black hole, can't talk about the real and expect to get a record deal, now how that make you feel.

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Dr. Alex Wodak is the Director of the Alcohol and Drug Service at St. Vincent's Hospital in Sydney, Australia. Dr. Wodak is President of the Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation and was the Foundation President of the International Harm Reduction Association (1996-2004). He helped establish the first needle syringe program and the first medically supervised injecting center in Australia when both were pre-legal. He often works in developing countries on HIV control among injecting drug users.

Caren Woodson holds a Masters of Public Policy from The American University and has advised decision-makers at all levels of government about medical cannabis law and policy over

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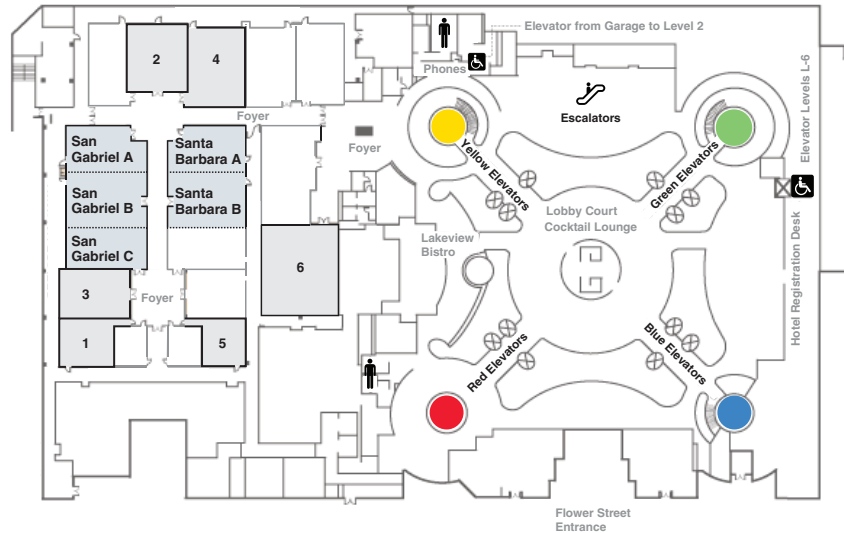
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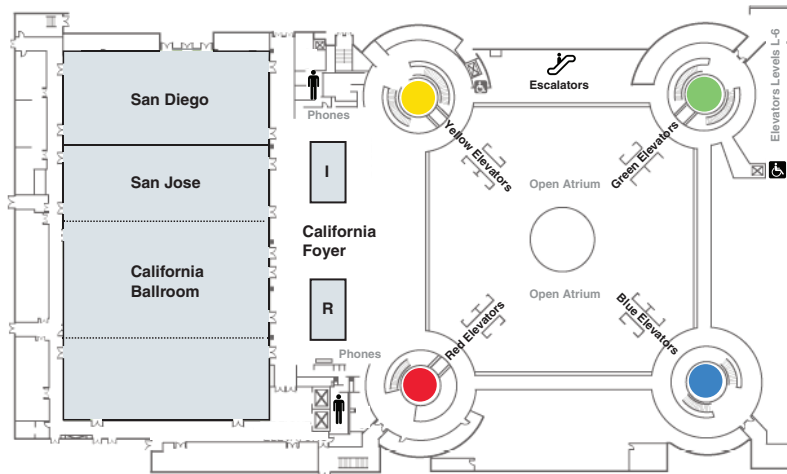
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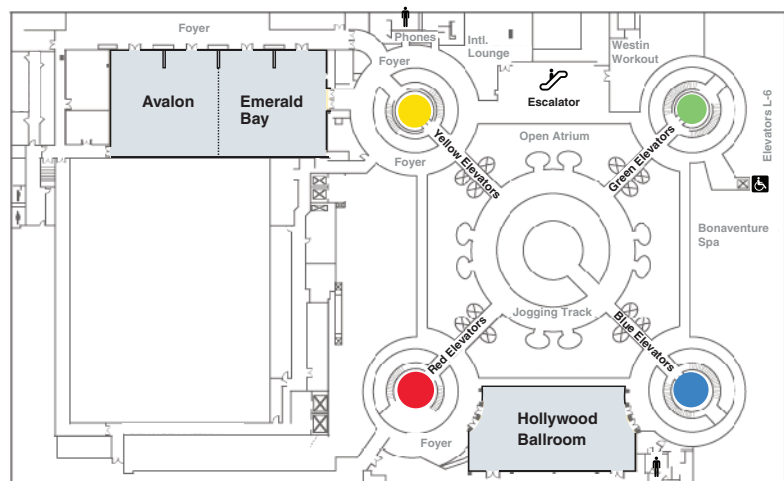
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